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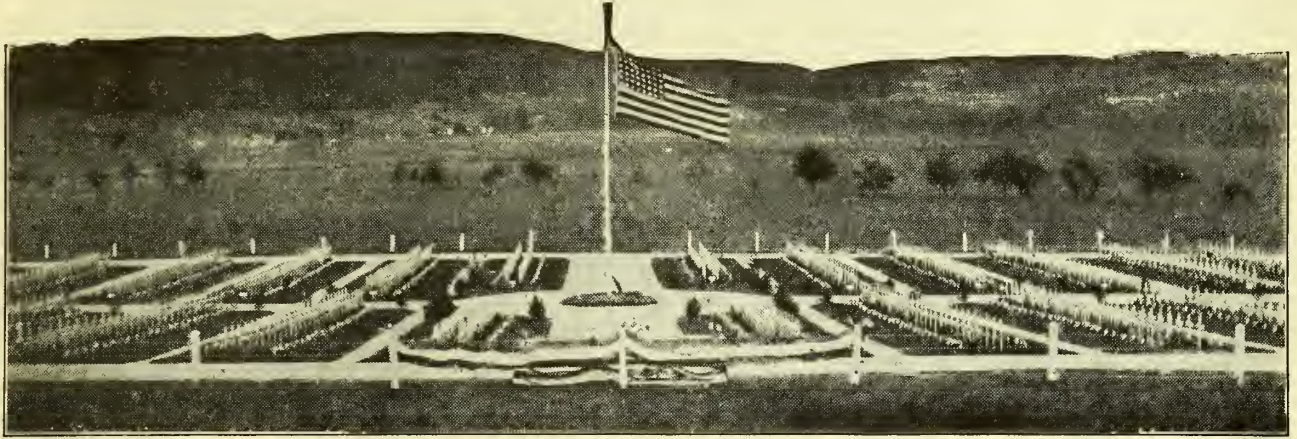
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The Division of the Dead



Aisne-Marne Cemetery, at Belleau Wood, where 2,438 crosses stand in their ranks of white

In Eight Cemeteries Overseas, 30,473 Americans Rest Forever Under the Guardianship of the Stars and Stripes

By William C. Moore

DURING the July fighting in the Château-Thierry salient a German H.E. fell near the village of Torcy, killing twenty-three American and two French soldiers, who were interred in the crater formed by the explosion. The following September Burial Unit No. 303, engaged in the identification and burial of battlefield victims, came upon the shell hole in the routine performance of its duties. The shell hole was filled up and smoothed over, the dead were ranked in regular rows of graves, and the place became, officially, Cemetery No. 64 in the records of the American Graves Registration Service.

Cemeteries by Chance

In the same way that the location of Cemetery No. 64 was decided arbitrarily by the chance falling of a shell so were the sites of the other hundreds of battlefield cemeteries scattered through the combat area over which the American forces fought. While the war continued our dead were concentrated in small groups on the ground where they fell. Back in the S. O. S. each camp, headquarters and base established a cemetery of its own.

When Memorial Day came in 1919

there were still a million Yanks in France, so that there were buglers and firing squads for the most isolated little cemeteries where American boys slept their last sleep. And then there were also those dear old French mothers with their arms full of flowers who followed the khaki-clad troops into each burial place and covered the graves with their tributes.

This May 30th when Memorial Day dawns there will be none of the A. E. F. in France except the division of the dead, 30,000 strong, who are to remain there forever.

This rear guard of the A. E. F., 30,473 in exact figures, is now gathered in eight permanent cemeteries in France, England and Belgium. Their comrades of The American Legion will conduct the memorial services this year in each of these national cemeteries. The Paris and London posts will have the ceremonies in charge, assisted by the military of each of the countries, and by the civilian population which already has shown limitless devotion to the memory of their late comrades-in-arms.

The Graves Registration Service of the Army has not yet completed its work abroad, but such progress has been made that all the bodies that are

to remain in Europe are now in the cemeteries where they are to rest eternally. In the last week of April there were still 436 bodies en route to the United States, or awaiting transport from France. These were due to arrive in the homeland before Memorial Day.

The Last Few Touches

Thereafter the only work to be done in connection with the sepulture of our overseas dead will be the re-distribution of the bodies in accordance with the new spacing rules that have been authorized, and the landscaping that is planned for the beautifying of the burial grounds. When that is done, as it will be within the year, the last details of Q. M. C. troops belonging to the Graves Registration Service will come home, leaving the eight national cemeteries in charge of the American civilian superintendents who are to be appointed.

The task that has been performed by the Graves Registration Service is one that the Regular Army and every American citizen can take pride in. In so far as the different conditions in the foreign services permit the work of our army in identifying the dead, returning

them to their homes and arranging the permanent battlefield cemeteries has served as a model for the French, English and Belgians. Their problems were so much greater, however, on account of their larger number of dead, that the model we set up could not be followed in all its details. The British, for example, have nearly 4,000 separate cemeteries on the fronts where their troops fought.

Thousands of Unidentified

The problem that faced the American Army at the close of hostilities was complicated. There were 77,110 dead in Europe, scattered in single graves or small cemeteries in France, Italy, Belgium, Luxemburg, England and Germany. Thousands of the battlefield victims were unidentified. Among the families of the dead soldiers there was a division of sentiment as to whether the bodies should be brought home or left overseas. The very sensible and sympathetic decision was arrived at by our Government to permit each family

to decide for itself whether its dead should rest in the land where he died or be returned to the homeland. As a result of this option 46,081 American soldiers have been brought back to the United States for burial, 556 bodies were shipped to foreign countries and 30,473 remain permanently in Europe.

Having satisfied the wishes of the families of the fallen, the next question to be settled was the number and location of the permanent cemeteries in Europe. In 1919 Secretary of War Baker sent a commission to Europe to pass upon this question and while some changes of detail have been made the recommendations of that commission have been adopted and carried out in principle. The commission recommended the concentration of bodies in a few permanent cemeteries on, or near, the great battlefields where the American troops fought. As a result the eight national cemeteries for our dead in Europe, and the number of bodies in each, are as follows:

Suresnes, near Paris, 1,491; Meuse-Argonne, at Romagne, 14,123; Aisne-

Marne, at Belleau Wood, 2,438; Somme, at Bony, 1,900; St. Mihiel, at Thiaucourt, 4,258; Oise-Aisne, at Seringes et Nesles, 6,143; Waerenghem, Belgium, 450; Brookwood, England, 699.

For the construction and upkeep of these cemeteries it was at first suggested to Congress that it appropriate \$6,000,000 but, demands for economy entering even into this question, the final decision of the lawmakers was that \$1,699,400 must suffice, and that figure was decided upon. Half of the amount has been appropriated for the current year. Next year the other half must be provided to carry the work to completion.

Need for More Ground

In several instances more ground must be purchased before the plans of the Graves Registration Service can be carried out. Before the bodies that have been sent to America were disinterred there was only three feet of leeway between the graves. Under the permanent plan it is intended to allow

six feet. This will necessitate greater space than is available at present. Meanwhile, many bodies are being held in the cemetery morgues awaiting the acquirement of more land before burial can be made. Work is going on without restriction in the cemeteries at Romagne, Thiaucourt and Belleau Wood, however, for at those places the French Government has generously presented the United States Government with sufficient land to permit of the extension of space that is desired.

Under the plans upon which the Graves Registration Service is working the graves will be leveled to the surface and sodded. At the head of each, there will be an identical headstone for officers and enlisted men, standing 24 by 13 inches above ground, bearing the fallen soldier's name in full, his State, his rank and regiment, division, and the date of his death.

Space is reserved at the bottom for a Biblical or other appropriate text if the family desires it. Inserted above the name there will appear, for Gentiles, a Latin cross, for Jews, the double Star of David. No departure from the regulation form and size of the headstone will be permitted in any case.

Driveways through the cemeteries will lead to a central plaza where a flagpole will fly the Stars and Stripes and so long as civilized nations endure it will wave in the breeze above the eight bivouacs of American dead in

Memorial Day

EACH Memorial Day through the past years we have watched the column of gallant men pass by—proudly bearing their battle flags, fifes swirling, drums rolling—through the streets of the old town. A quiver has run up our backs, we've stepped a little brisker, our chests out a bit further even though our eyes dimmed for a minute after they had passed. These men marching reverently, proudly to do honor to their fallen comrades, have reminded us that we had many things to be proud and grateful for—that we were citizens of the United States of America and that these men had handed down to us a free nation.

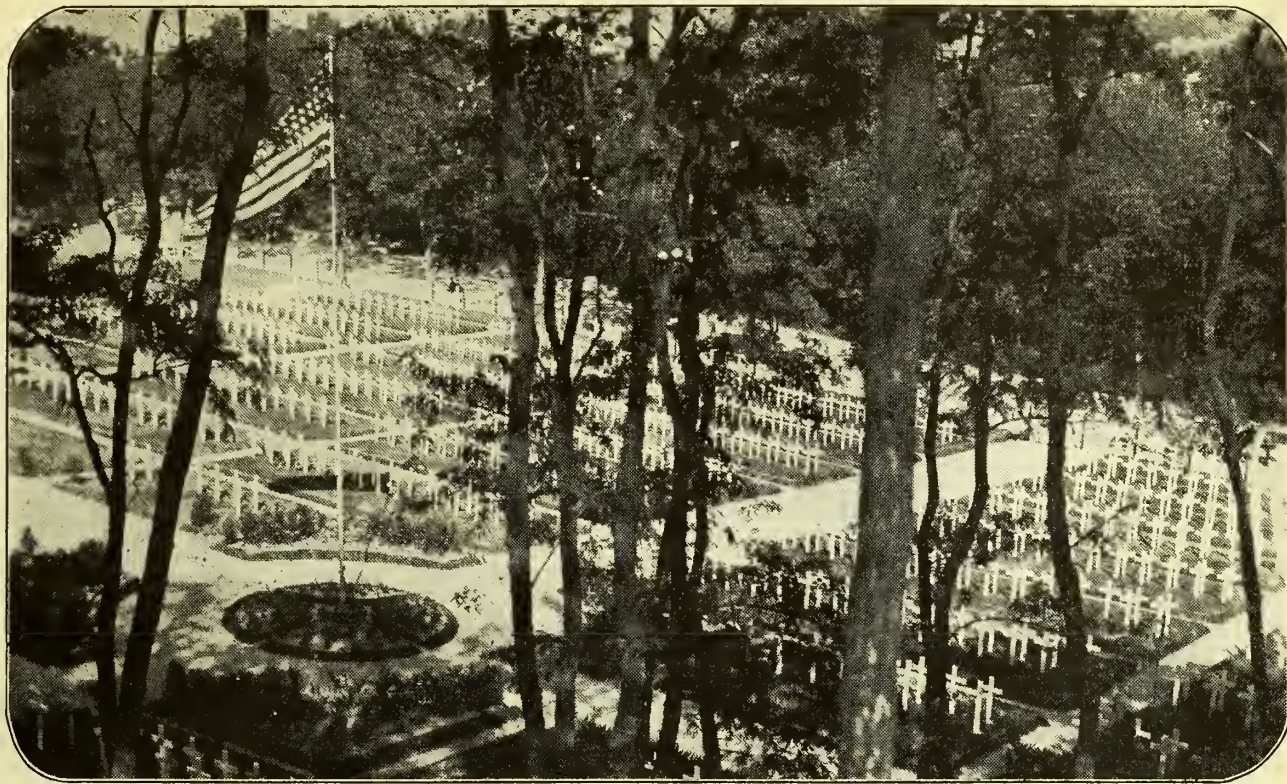
To us, fellow Legionnaires, this glorious day is a direct inheritance, not only as Americans, but as veterans of a war fought victoriously for a righteous cause and a better world.

Each man and woman whom we honor on this day won the war for us—their part may have been small and unsung but to all of them equal honor is due. They gave their all. And as we line up with our post, in our old regimentals—the proudest raiment any American can ever wear, the uniform of our country—think of those buddies who did not come back, of their mothers and fathers who are watching you, grateful for this little tribute to their boys—our comrades who gave their lives, that we might enjoy the citizenship of this nation.

"Dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion."

HANFORD MACNIDER.



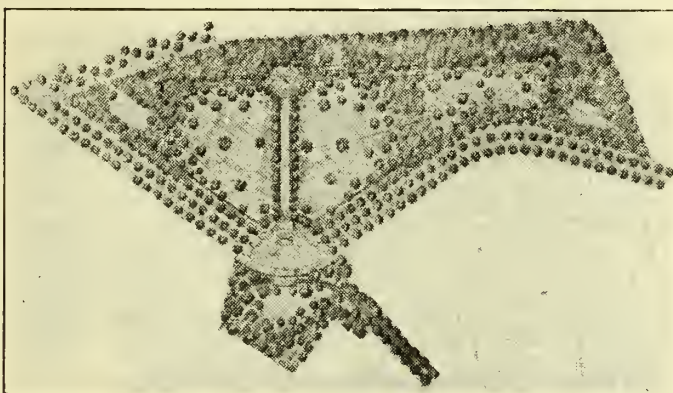


Europe. Space about the flagpoles will be provided for ceremonies on Memorial Day and other occasions when honors are paid to the memories of the men lying in their last formation under the flag they died fighting for. The ground plans of the Suresnes and Meuse-Argonne cemeteries, prepared by the Graves Registration Service and just approved by the Government, present in detail the basic scheme for the laying out and beautification of America's overseas burial places. Every effort has been made to create and maintain the atmosphere of the homeland. Wide lawns, garden spaces and paths, shaded by foliage, will make the cemeteries as much like those of the United States as is possible.

The soldier dead will even sleep under the shade of American trees and shrubs according to present plans. A laboratory is maintained at Paris for carrying on experiments in soil and arboriculture to determine whether elms and oaks and American native shrubs can be successfully maintained in the foreign soils. The Fields of Honor in each cemetery, called for in the originally suggested specifications, have been abandoned on account of the limited appropriations provided by Congress.

The planting of trees and shrubs, and the placing of the headstones have not yet been begun, but the close of this summer probably will see the work well on the way to completion. When the work is finished the last American

The return of bodies to America has thinned the crosses of Suresnes Cemetery (above) since this picture was taken, but the beauty of the burial place remains unchanged. On its ground plan (below) the clumps are trees and shrubs, showing roadways where set in formal rows. The circle near the top is the flag plaza.



soldier in uniform will leave French soil. At present there are 30 officers and approximately 1,200 Q. M. C. troops carrying on the work. Headquarters are maintained at 8 Avenue Diane, Paris, where Colonel Harry F. Ruthers, Q. M. C., is in charge. The chief of the Graves Registration Service is Colonel George H. Penrose, Q. M. C., stationed in Washington.

Success in Identification

When the work of identifying and honoring the dead of the A. E. F. is compared with that of the other Allied armies it is discovered that the Americans have succeeded in a most remarkable way. Only 2,000, less than 2 percent, of our dead remain unidentified. In the French and British armies from 40 to 50 percent of the battlefield vic-

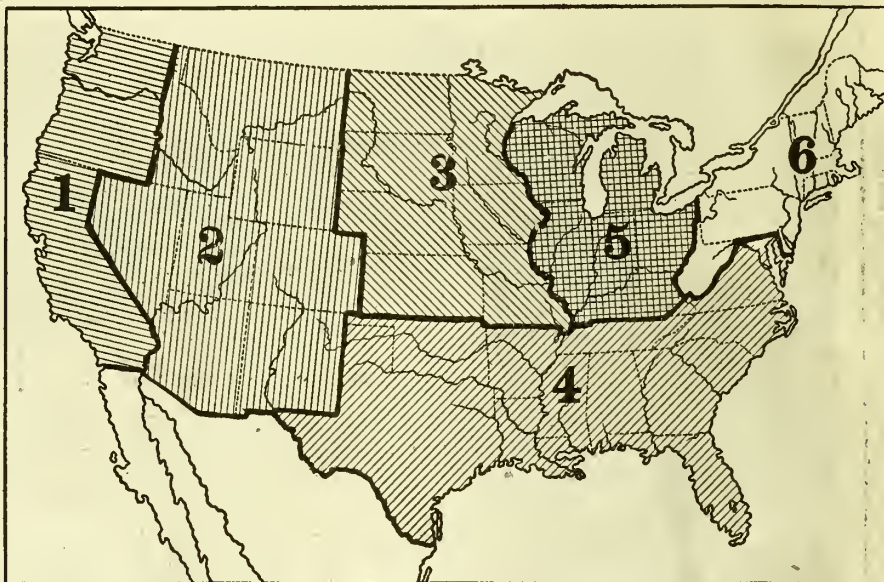
tims remain unidentified. The success obtained in our service results from the careful regulations provided by the Army when our troops entered the conflict. The primary means of identification was the identity tag. But, as every soldier knows, the tags often disappeared, or if left upon the body were dissolved in many cases by chemical action. Sketches of burial places demanded of each burial unit helped to a considerable degree. The chief reliance, however, of the Graves Registration Service, was the tooth charts made of every soldier when he entered the service. When every other means of identification was lacking the tooth charts usually solved the problem.

In future wars in which American troops may engage it is believed greater reliance can be placed on the identity discs. The U. S. Navy has produced a disc, called the Monel disc, which is considered impervious to destructive elements. Upon one side it is proposed to etch the soldier's name, rank and outfit. On the obverse side his finger print would be etched. He would wear one disc attached to his wrist by a flat chain of the same imperishable metal, and a second about his neck. The use of the Monel disc has been recommended for the Army and its early adoption is expected.

Had the Monel disc been invented before we entered the World War there might have been no Unknown Soldier lying in Arlington Cemetery

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SECURITY of employment is every man's hope, and the Legion's goal for more than half a million buddies. Hopes are being realized. The alleviation of industrial depression in America means the beginning of steady work for America's defenders, and reports from scores of cities indicate that the upward trend has begun. This map, the key to which is given herewith, is based upon statements by Legion department officials.



1. Lumbering operations resumed, agricultural conditions normal, industrial conditions improving. Outlook splendid. 2. Many mines reopened, building operations increasing, railroad and industrial employment improving. Outlook good. 3. Agricultural situation improving, building operations increasing, railroad employment improving, industries stronger. Outlook good. 4. Agricultural situation good, industries making progress, new industries starting. Outlook splendid. 5. Agricultural situation improving despite floods, building operations heavy, industries improving. Outlook good. 6. Industries gaining. Public building and improvement projects opening. Outlook hopeful.

Permanent Billets for the Jobless

The Legion's Unemployment Campaign Is Bringing Complete Economic Rehabilitation to World War Veterans

HAVE the million ex-service men who were unemployed last winter bid a final adieu to the misery of being jobless and broke? Reports in answer to queries recently sent to the state departments of The American Legion, give a cross section of conditions from coast to coast and plainly show that the worst of the situation is over. Except in areas affected by strike conditions almost every ex-service man ought to manage to keep misery at a distance this coming summer and fall. So much was inevitable, perhaps. It is generally recognized now that business conditions have been improving since last December. There has been a steady creeping up of prices for the last six or seven months on the Stock Exchange. The prices of corn, cotton and pork have advanced. Farm work has begun; mining activity is being resumed; construction of public works and roads is under way.

A Look into the Future

But what of next winter? And the winter after that? Yes, and after that, too. Why not? How many men who did their bit for Uncle Sam are going to find grooves which will give them a reasonably certain future? A job which will enable them to settle down and plan ahead. A good steady job.

Legion Employment Day, March 20th, found jobs for thousands—yes, for hundreds of thousands. But The

American Legion does not regard the work as done; hundreds of thousands remain to be placed. While conditions are nowhere as bad as they were six months ago, and nearly everywhere indications are hopeful, there will be no flagging until that hope is realized. Here's what the Legion has been doing throughout the country since Employment Day:

The Cuyahoga County Council of Cleveland, Ohio, reports that its employment bureau placed 494 men during the first two weeks in April as compared to 330 during the entire month of March, and that even before March the number of positions filled had steadily increased. Although conditions in Cleveland, as in other large industrial centres, are still serious and a great many men are out of work, actual suffering and hardship is becoming less. The proportion of steady jobs as compared to temporary ones is increasing. Men unable to get employment in the city are finding employment in road building and on the farms elsewhere in the State.

New England is one of the areas which has been affected by strike conditions, especially in the textile centres of Rhode Island and New Hampshire. But other industries are gradually getting under way. Work has begun on building of state highways and public works, and the Legion has been on its toes to secure first consideration for service men wherever possible.

In New York the list of 125,000 unemployed veterans reported by State Commander Deegan in March has been considerably cut down and the commencement of road and farm work and the gradual recovery of business in general gives bright promise for the months ahead. Philadelphia has much the same story to tell. At this writing up-state Pennsylvania is affected by the coal strike, as are West Virginia and the coal States of the Middle West.

The Sun Shines in Georgia

In another industrial centre, that of Atlanta, Georgia, in the South, we find conditions much brighter. The opening of a new Ford factory has given employment to 3,000 there, and, in the rural districts of the State, conditions which never really were serious are reported by the Legion as improving.

In Birmingham, Alabama, the month's drive instituted on American Legion Employment Day worked wonders. In the last ten days of the campaign so many jobs had been found that it became necessary to advertise for men to fill them.

In New Orleans the Legion drive, commenced on Employment Day, cut down the ranks of the listed jobless from between 600 and 700 men to around 400. A local paper which ran employment advertisements for ex-service men for several days free of charge did much to help the good work

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Paying the Debt of Reverence

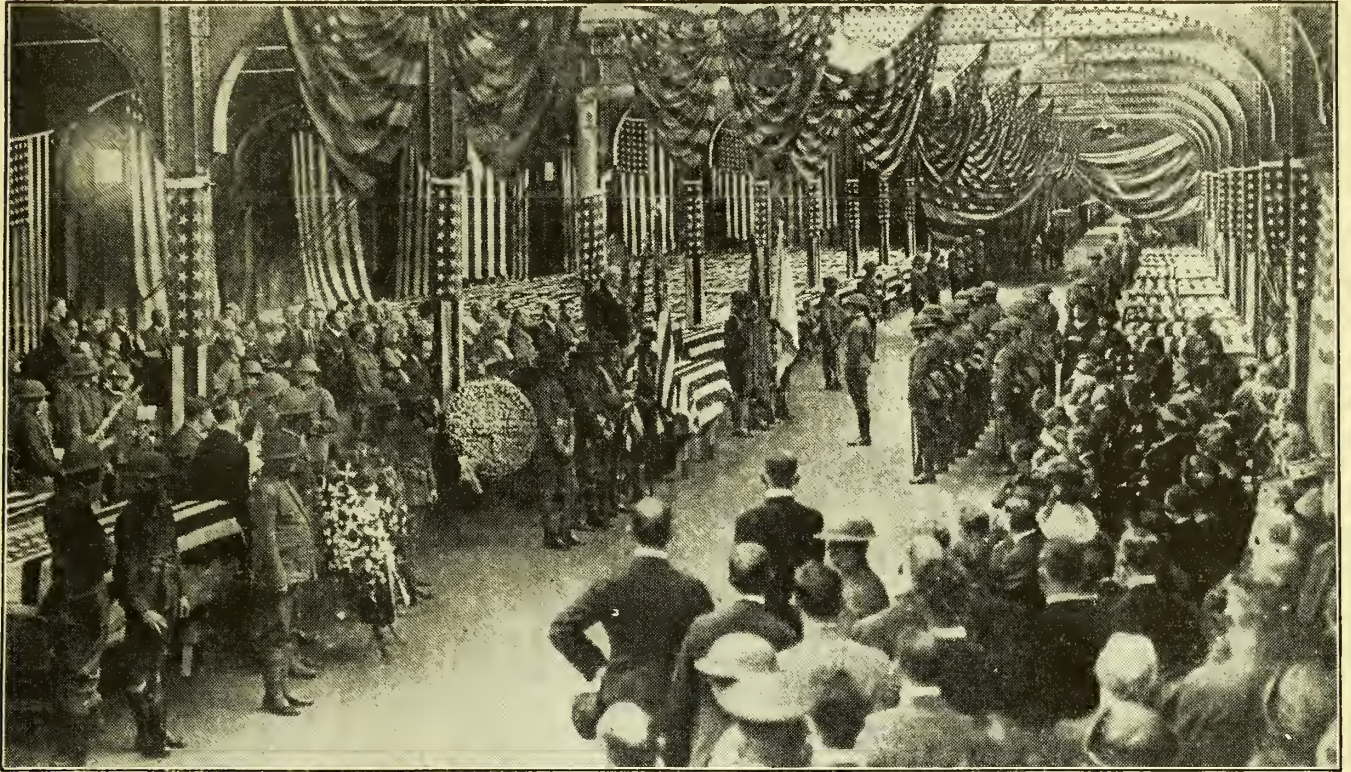


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President Harding was present to deliver an address in honor of 451 returned dead of the A. E. F. at these services on an army pier at Hoboken, N. J. The Legion, which has participated in the reception of all bodies from overseas, arranged the services. And the Legion also arranged services throughout the country, and saw that the graves of these men, and the graves of heroes of former wars of the United States, were not forgotten—were not uncared for.

THE long wooden box lay out in the cold April night on the platform of the station in Chicago. Just how it got there, or who was to claim it was uncertain for the addressee had moved away and could not be located. To the baggage men it was mostly a problem of the day's work. They couldn't figure what they were going to do with it, as there was no way of returning it to France, and yet the person to whom it belonged did not appear. If the body was not taken away there would be nothing to do but bury it in the local potter's field. Day after day went by, until it seemed as if everyone in the great city had overlooked the fact that a former member of the A. E. F. was lying neglected upon a windswept station platform. But everyone in the city had not overlooked this fact, everyone had not forgotten.

The Legion's Duty

The American Legion knew it owed a duty to its hero dead no less than to the disabled and the living. And the story of how North Shore Post, of Chicago, rescued the body, of how they buried it in their own war cemetery with full military honors, is a narrative that deserves more space than can be given to it in this article. The point is that the Legion did not forget.

Of course, this man was known by the members of the post? No, he was

not known by the members of the post. He was simply a buddy, some one who had lined up for chow or climbed that old gangplank or drew his hobnails along with you or me or the next man. He was just a buddy, and for the Legion that was enough. This is the spirit with which the Legion is entering upon its duty of taking care of the dead, and the places where rest the ex-service men and women of the nation; taking care of them with the respect and honor which is their due.

The words, "taking care of the places where rest the ex-service men and women of the nation," are used to mean exactly that. Not only is the final tribute paid to the buddies of the World War, but the Legion is also taking over duties and responsibilities that have for so long been upon the shoulders of the heroes of the Civil War. As it is caring for the dead of 1864, so is it also caring for the dead of 1812 and 1776.

In the little town of Robinson, Illinois, lives an eighty-four-year-old veteran of the Civil War, B. V. Carey. Some time ago he discovered at a distance of two miles from the town, an overgrown cemetery where he managed to unearth headstones belonging to three veterans of the war of 1812. The place was not only deserted and abandoned, but it was filled with wild brush and trees and used only as a pasture for cattle. Civic consciousness was lax enough to permit this condition to continue, until in desperation Mr. Carey

appealed to the local post of The American Legion. Immediately six men volunteered to rescue the memory of the hero dead from oblivion, and under the supervision of Mr. Carey, the entire cemetery was cleaned out, trees uprooted, stones carted away, and the graves of the veterans unearthed and marked with regular markers. This work took the detail two days, and the job was not finished then. Last Memorial Day a firing squad visited the cemetery, raised the flag at sunrise and took it down at sunset. Even at this late date there had been many members of the local community who were unaware that such a place existed until the Legion brought it before the public.

Now a Permanent Memorial

Right here was a place where the post might have stopped, for they had furnished the men to put the grounds in order, they had celebrated the day of reverence and had brought it to the attention of the community. But that was not enough for Ernest Coulter Post. They subscribed out of their own pockets enough money to build a suitable fence so that the land might be not only enclosed and set apart, but might remain a permanent memorial in the eyes of all who passed. It is a fine thought, the men of 1865 and the men of 1918 working together to keep from oblivion the memories of those who fought and died in 1812.

These, remember, are typical cases; they are not cases picked out to make a story. From Maine to Montana, from Florida to 'Frisco, the Legion is on guard to see that the dead receive the last rites that are due them because of their sacrifice. An Ohio post, for instance, has not only bought, but has dedicated and consecrated a war cemetery where rest sixteen of their own dead, and has even gone so far as to raise a trust fund in the town to care perpetually for the upkeep of this last resting place. The required sum, \$15,000, was raised in a short time by a canvass of Legionnaires.

Old Monuments Saved

In every State Legion workers have been alert to discover and protect the sacred soil which shelters the last remains of the country's defenders. And in most States it has been found that this organized movement is just in time to save many old monuments and headstones that were falling apart from lack of attention. The burial place of the last member of Washington's bodyguard was recently discovered in an Indiana cemetery under a grave marker that was almost unreadable, and which in a few years' time would have lost all traces of the name of the man who lay beneath.

In Great Falls, Montana, a plan has been worked out for a cemetery which has been set aside for the soldier dead of the town, and here, under the shadow of a huge monument surmounted by a cannon, lie the bodies of veterans of the Revolutionary, Civil, Spanish, and World Wars. Many posts have bought plots of land and established cemeteries for the ex-service dead of their localities, and some have been the fortunate recipients of gifts from either municipalities or private individuals of land to be devoted to this purpose. In all such cases the Legion has taken over the land, has dedicated it to its hallowed purpose, has set funds aside to beautify it, and has seen that the proper services were held there on the day that the nation has selected—

May 30th. A day, incidentally, whose observance is more and more devolving upon the Legion as a great national obligation.

For not only are the veterans of the Civil War fast going over the top on the last great charge of all, but those who are with us are becoming more and more unable to stand the physical and mental strain that Memorial Day yearly brings. The writer well remembers the sole remaining member of the Grand Army in a little hill town in northern New England, standing with difficulty at noon on Memorial Day, his stiff arm at the visor of his faded hat, while the nearby church bell pealed forth its solemn note of remembrance. Long and faithfully the elder generation has borne the duty of keeping alive in the hearts of us all the memories of those who have passed away. Where the G. A. R. is equal to the task, the Legion is theirs to command, but where the ranks of the older men are worn down the Legion has stepped to the front to pay homage to the dead of two generations.

In the Posts' Records

Different posts have met the problem of caring for their dead in different ways, and have adopted their own means of collecting the information necessary for the proper records. Some posts have given this duty to the post historian, or to the adjutant, but in every case real records are being kept and made up to date for future generations. These records run all the way from comprehensive card catalogues indexed in three ways, and double filing systems with stenographers to run them, down to simple alphabetical lists of the names of the men and the location of their graves in the cemeteries.

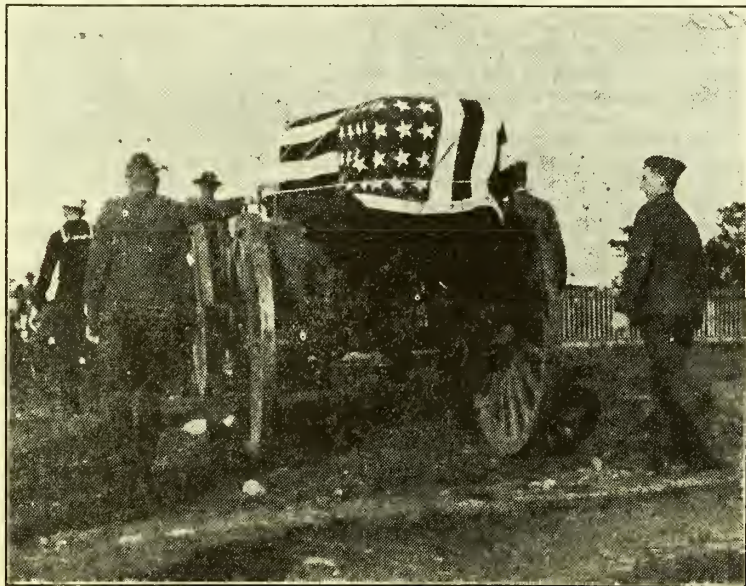
At Arlington, America's national war cemetery, just outside Washington, lie the bodies of veterans of some ten different wars—yes, we have fought that many wars in the hundred and fifty odd years of our existence. Its sacred soil holds the bodies of men who fought and died in places as far apart as

Bunker Hill and Dun-Sur-Meuse, and it is today the largest cemetery in the country. If the proposal now under way matures, as is hoped, it will also be the most beautiful, for the Legion is preparing a plan that will take three years to complete and will involve the expenditure of a million dollars. Landscape gardeners of international fame have been asked to submit designs in plants and flowers worthy to be placed in the spot that is sacred to every American. And the resting place of the Unknown Soldier will be in its natural surroundings as lofty and inspiring as are those of the Unknown British Soldier in Westminster Abbey and the Unknown Soldier of France at the Arc de Triomphe.

When the Work Is Done

But it is upon the post in typical towns like Elkton and Orlando and Great Falls and Gloucester, upon these posts and their Auxiliaries that the great bulk of the work of reverence for the dead will fall. With small funds at their command, they are going ahead to make sure that the man they fought with receives a proper burial, and that fitting honors are shown him in the last bivouac of all. It is through the unselfish and untiring devotion of men like those in the Illinois post who gave their time and money to save the graves of American soldiers from obliteration that this work is being done. They must be the ones to see that the firing squad is there, that the flag is raised at sunrise and lowered at sunset. Upon some busy, overworked post official devolves the duty of seeing that the data on soldier graves is placed upon the post burial records. In short, these are the men who must see that the buddy who went west still lives in the hearts of those he served with and in the minds of the nation he served for.

And the posts, 11,000 of them, are doing it. Memorial Day, this year will see the graves decorated, the salute fired, the flags placed at every headstone. No, these honors will never die. For the Legion does not forget!

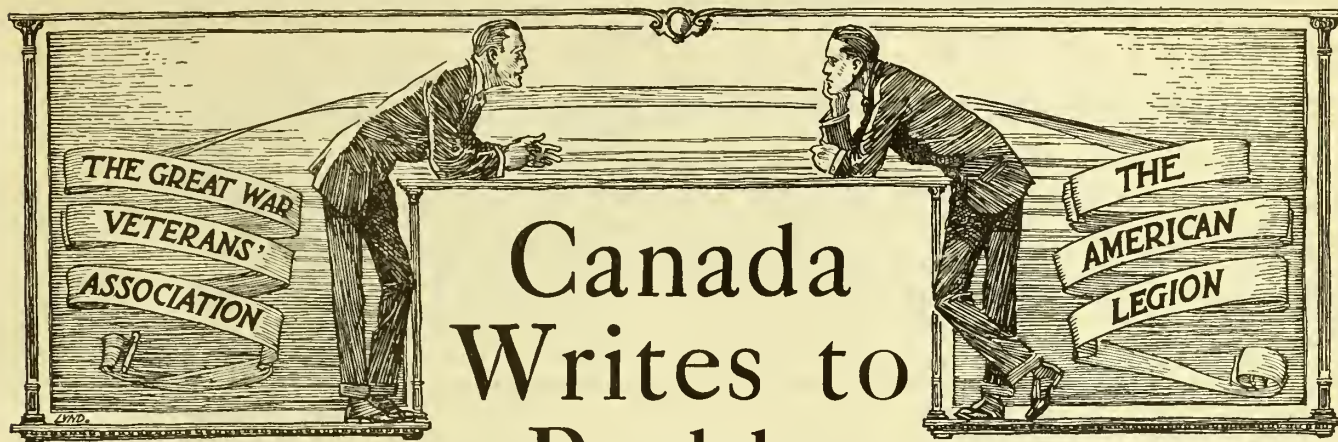


Military funeral conducted by Connolly Post of Minooka, Pa.

May 30th

A dream of country when the bugle rang
Above the eager surge of marching men;
The flame of youth that loved and laughed and sang
Through Chateau-Thierry and the Argonne's thickets, then—

Rest, and the long white homeward trail at last,
The shores he knew, old skies, before the call;
Hearts that are his, heads bared as he goes past,
Back with the Flag to which he gave his all.



Canada Writes to Buddy Bill

By David Loughnan

Ottawa, Canada.

DEAR BUDDY:
Maybe it'll give you a spell of the willies to hear from a guy you thought was pushing daisies since about the middle of 1918, so I better hand you a wee doch-an-dorris first by reintroducing myself and putting you wise to how I picked up your trail. D'you mind ambling into one of them café-au-lay and vermouth joints one night in Paris a while after you Yanks had chased Jerry out of Château-Thierry, and you getting slightly mixed up in a little argument with some Frenchies? And how, when the battle got going good you hollered to me: "Come on, Canada, let's clean up this gang of column dodgers," or something to that effect? I ain't got much to go on as to how we spent the rest of the evening but a couple o' days after I was doing a stretch of number one field p. for imagining I was a brass hat.

A Blighty Near Lens

Well, buddy, you know the way things went over there. A bit later I got my second Blighty in a dirty hole near Lens and when I came to in hospital I had a chunk of Heinie scrap iron in my shoulder and the war was over for me. So I give up the idea of ever running across you again on that side. But when I happened across a copy of *The American Legion Weekly* the other day, I began to think over the old times and wonder where you were so I dug up my old pay book that I'd put your address in and now I've got the line of communications open again, as the engineers used to say. So I'm going to unload a few yarns covering the gap since Paris, same as I promised to, if I ever got back to Canada.

First of all, maybe I'd better tip you off about a wedding I figured in as the leading man. Me being in kilts she hadn't a look-in with the spectators, though she was as good-looking a little V. A. D. as ever wrapped a bandage. Being only a buck private about all the worldly goods I had to bestow on her was a kit bag. Didn't even have the price of her ticket to Canada. So back I came alone, steerage class, same as the rest of the heroes that saved the world for democracy, prohibition and such-like little blessings in disguise.

Well, you know what most of us guys stacked up against when we landed back home—no work, no money, and the stage all set for taxes to pay for the war we'd been supposed to have won. Looked to me like I'd need a

friend or two, what with my bum shoulder and all the cushy jobs held down by the johnnies who stayed home building ships and making shells at ten bones a day. After casting round in Quebec a bit, I landed in this burg.

Next thing I did was to hook up with the Great War Veterans' Association. Ever heard of it? Same kind of thing as *The American Legion*. Only it had the luck to get started way back in 1917, soon after the boys first began drifting home. And let me tell you, buddy, this G. W. V. A. is some organization. First thing it did for me was to get the missus over free of cost. Next thing I get out of it is a war service gratuity running up to near six hundred dollars, me being a married man. Then I grab off a vocational training course, with pay and allowances all through. After that I find the G. W. V. A. has got the Government to give preference in the Civil Service to returned soldiers. But I was near forgetting to tell you that I got \$35 for clothing allowance on discharge, which is another of the G. W. V. A.'s help.

More G. W. V. A. Help

A bit later on, after I'd sort of got a toe-hold on a job, I found the G. W. V. A. had coaxed the Government to run life insurance for us fellows without going before a doctor and cheaper than you could get it anywhere else. So I put in for a chunk so that the missus wouldn't be on the rocks if I went west. My pension got a boost next by the G. W. V. A. landing a cost of living bonus on top of it. Now it's trying to get a housing loan scheme put through Parliament so that ex-service men can get fixed up in their own homes.

Maybe you'll think I'm peddling the bull about all this stuff the G. W. V. A. has put over for us up here, but it's straight goods. Here's what the official records show and you can figure it out for yourself. They got \$1,500,000 added yearly to widows' pensions; \$2,500,000 added yearly to disability pensions; about \$2,400,000 of an increase to dependent parents' pensions; burial pro-

vision running up to \$2,000,000 a year; pension amendments costing \$490,000 yearly; commutation of pensions; payment of dependent's portion of war service gratuity; gratuity to widows running into \$1,800,000 a year; workmen's compensation insurance for disabled men; vocational training extensions amounting to a million and a half a year; increases in pay and allowances for medical treatment costing about \$900,000 a year; transportation for incapacitated ex-service men and dependents. On top of these little items and a bunch of other things that I've missed out, the G. W. V. A. camped on the Government's tracks till land settlement for returned soldiers was put through. That's eat up about \$90,000,000 and thousands of the boys have had loans ranging round \$7,000 to get a start with as farmers. Not so bad, eh?

Telegrams and Telegrams

But there was one good one the Great War Veterans' Association pulled on the Government. The boys wanted a Parliamentary committee of members to go over pension questions and a lot more things that had little snags attached that needed paring off. The Prime Minister refused to give it to 'em and kept on refusing. So the National Secretary asked every branch of the G. W. V. A. to shoot in telegrams to the Government and members of Parliament all on one day.

Say! You'd of laughed if you'd of been in the House of Commons public gallery that day. The pages started coming in with armfuls of wires and before night every son-of-a-gun had enough wires from his constituency to paper a room with. You see, there's about nine hundred branches of the Great War Veterans' Association all over Canada and every one got busy on the job and sent a wire and got the local Board of Trade and other supporters to send along one too. That did the trick, believe me! Next day the Prime Minister gave the committee and there's been one each session since.

A little stunt like that shows the good of organization to my mind. Pretty near all the things we got I've told you about come out of those Parliamentary committees because the Members of Parliament couldn't deny the need of the things the G. W. V. A. put up. But the biggest thing about it was that the Government allowed our National Secretary to sit in and talk at every session. That's going some, eh?

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EDITORIAL

In Memoriam

AS years ago, after the war which tested and fused the union of these States, so now in our time the thirtieth day of May is the day of remembrance. We set it aside to mark our respect for the American soldiers and sailors whose own stories ended abruptly in order that our common story might be continued. In token of that respect, we must all stand for a moment, in person or in spirit, by the graveside of one who sleeps at Arlington.

They keep calling him the Unknown Soldier. Yet, if there be anything in the law of averages, we know a good deal about him. If there be any force in the doctrine of chances, we can all of us make a pretty shrewd guess at what he was like. We saw him often enough. In the training camps we saw him. We heard him laughing on the transport, stood next him in line at many a mess hour and passed him as he trudged along kilometer after kilometer of white French roads.

He was young, wasn't he? Not more than twenty-two or three, probably. He was a continuous source of shock to the more pious of his Y. M. C. A. guardians. He smoked cigarettes and was given, at times, to hair-raising profanity, by which he meant exactly nothing. He had a vague suspicion that the French shopkeepers were overcharging him and more than a vague suspicion that the French housekeepers did not know much about plumbing. But he respected the little hairy French soldiers and he loved the French kids, who reciprocated. When everything went smoothly, he filled the air with his bitter complaints—complaints of the high-handedness and unfairness of the Army, the Army, the democratic Army. Complaints of the Q. M.'s hopeless incompetence. Complaints of the rotten French weather.

But when things went badly, when he was cold and wet and empty and tired beyond all telling—why, then he made it a point of honor to get off a constant stream of jokes and to laugh like a fool over such things as the mud he lived in, the rations that didn't arrive, the sleep he never expected to be able to get, and the shells that pounded and roared around him, making a nightmare of his days.

He was a sport and he was chivalrous, as all knew whose work took them through the ambulances and dressing-stations four years ago this time. When he was shot, his first thought was for the folks back home, to shield them from worry on his account. It was never for himself.

Unknown? Not at all. Nameless, perhaps. But not unknown.

Not to those of us who saw him that mad, history-making summer of 1918—in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps.

Another Tangle on the Disabled

DESPITE the repeated and fervent declarations of sympathy for the disabled ex-service man by those who hold the purse strings of the Government, the fact remains that legislative measures to aid those disabled men must still be wrested from Congress against the opposition or apathy of a reluctant and hesitant officialdom. Nothing better illustrates this truth than the history of a proposal now before Congress which is designed to give long-delayed justice to from 10,000 to 15,000 of the 30,000 ex-service men now in hospitals.

This proposal is one of the provisions contained in H. R. 11,195, now pending. It is not new. Instead, it is only the effort to give legality to a government regulation, strictly just, adopted in November, 1920, only to be strangled to death with the red tape of technicality in July, 1921.

Originally it was known as Treasury Regulation 57. It provided that ex-service men, unable to follow a substantial, gainful occupation, who had been patients in hospital, for a period of six months and were not likely to be discharged in the near future, should be considered technically as totally and permanently disabled. Thus classed, they would be entitled to the total disability compensation of \$100 a month, and, in addition, to monthly payments under any War Risk term insurance policies which they might be carrying.

The fairness of such a regulation is unquestionable. A man who has spent six months in a hospital and faces the prospect of a continued stay in bed, most certainly is unable to follow any occupation or to provide a living for himself or family. The War Risk term insurance which he bought and paid for while in service contemplated just such a contingency. His policy provided that should he become wholly helpless and unable to earn a living, he should receive monthly payments, \$5.75 for each \$1,000 of his insurance.

The Director of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance when he issued this regulation in November, 1920, knew the needs of the men who had been long in hospital. But sentiment had no part in the

decision of the Comptroller General of July, 1921, which overruled the regulation.

The National Legislative Committee and the National Rehabilitation Committee of The American Legion have been striving for nine months to have this nullified regulation embodied in law. To meet the emergency, the Veterans Bureau has, it is true, tried to be liberal in granting total and permanent disability ratings on an individual basis to men long in hospitals. But protection of the rights of men in hospitals demands that their status be not left uncertain.

The disability provisions of War Risk Insurance should be re-affirmed. Uncle Sam should not quibble in executing his insurance contracts.

After the unanimous declarations that the disabled must have everything, let's see a little unanimity—and speed—in giving it to them.

A Memorial Day Prayer

By E. A. Blackman, National Chaplain

OTHOU God of noble heroism, we pray today for our fallen comrades. Amidst the hurry and worry of things and the fading memories of war, we pause for a moment to remember their supreme sacrifice. A flood of recollections comes to our minds of the associations and experiences of camp and field as we gently place the flowers over their sacred beds and drop a tear of tender sympathy.

Consecrate these thoughts and hallow these memories, O God, but, we pray Thee, banish from our hearts all hatred, prejudice and unholy pride and may we think only of the noble sacrifice and conscientious devotion to home and country that was their holy urge.

Bless the homes out of which these men and women went to dare and to die, and consecrate their patriotism and their willingness to give their best for the cause of right.

May the spirits of those heroes who have fallen in other just wars for righteousness, be joined by the spirits of these, our heroes of today, and grant that this mighty host may live forever and be a perpetual challenge to us, the living of earth, to the end that we too may dedicate our lives to noble deeds and high purposes.

May love of country and devotion to peace be exalted this day to holy passion and may the spirits of these, our beloved comrades, rest in peace with Thee.—Amen.

THE VOICE OF THE LEGION

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Thoughtless

To the Editor: I am the wife of a Legionnaire. My father served in the Civil War and several of my other relatives served in the Spanish-American War. On last Memorial Day I attended the joint services of the veterans' organizations of all three wars at a town in Idaho. The Civil War veterans were treated very respectfully until it came time to go to the cemetery. Then, only two of the young men went. I think this was only due to thoughtlessness, and perhaps this reminder will prevent similar incidents this year.—AUXILIARY MEMBER, *Fielding, Utah.*

Debarred from the Vote

To the Editor: In glancing over the World Almanac for 1922 I note the following in regard to persons disqualified from voting in several States.

Persons disqualified, other than felons, idiots and insane:

Indiana . . . Soldiers and sailors.
Missouri . . . Soldiers, sailors and paupers.
Nebraska . . . Soldiers and sailors.
North Dakota . . . Soldiers and sailors.
Ohio Soldiers and sailors.
Oregon . . . Soldiers, sailors and Chinese.
Texas . . . Bribery, dueling, paupers, soldiers and sailors.
West Va. . . Bribery, paupers, soldiers and sailors.

It appears that soldier and sailor residents of these States lose their right of suffrage because of such occupations. What's the answer?—GERALD E. CRONIN, *Major, 14th U. S. Infantry, Gatun, Canal Zone.*

Veterans and Archaeology

To the Editor: Professor Warren K. Moorehead, of Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., America's foremost archaeologist, during the past two months has been engaged in excavating the famous group of mounds at Cahokia, Ill., near East St. Louis. In a preliminary report, published in *The Wisconsin Archaeologist* recently, he writes:

"Ex-service men were used exclusively in the work. For some time I had a corps of twenty-seven men, twenty-three of whom had served overseas. Of the remaining four, two were fathers who had sons in the war, and the others had brothers with the colors."

If every employer of labor would do likewise, it would greatly lessen the grief of Legion officials and of the men themselves.

One of your Bursts and Duds jokes recently tells about Pat at his first trial of corn on the cob asking for "more peas on this stick." This is hardly "original," for it was one of my father's pet jokes when I was a kid, over forty years ago.—B. A. COTTLOW, *Bloomington, Ill.*

One Man's Compensation

To the Editor: Compensation? Why give the soldiers compensation? "They'll only spend it in riotous living; a short spending spree and then it will be gone." Well, here's one answer, an advertisement from the *Kansas City Star* of May 2nd:

SOLDIER has \$200 bonus; will buy home, \$35 monthly payments; east side preferred. Address C, 597 Star.

A soldier who has a \$200 bonus wants to buy a home! Can you imagine an ex-service man wanting to buy a home, Mr. Opponent of Compensation? The ex-service men of Missouri are now being compensated, in a measure, for their services

to the State and the nation. Each Missourian who served in the war is getting ten dollars for each month. Not a great sum to be sure, but—well, there's at least one man who will be able to buy a home, a home that was probably denied him because of his sacrifice in the war.—J. D. BROWN, *Kansas City, Mo.*

A Father's Auxiliary

To the Editor: The observance of Mother's Day by The American Legion reminds me that at the Kansas City convention a committee was appointed to investigate on the advisability of establishing a fathers' auxiliary to The American Legion. This committee, I believe, is to report to the next convention at New Orleans. I should like to know what other Legionnaires think of the proposal. It sounds pretty good to me.—S. E. V., *Oakland, Cal.*

Finì La Guerre!

To the Editor: Do you remember how it was impressed upon us that the Government was doing us a great honor and favor by letting us keep our tin hats? A department store of my city to-day is advertising bargain sales of our old helmets at nineteen cents each. "Finì la guerre!"—PERCY WALLER, *Rochester, N. Y.*

Was He First?

To the Editor: Our late National Commander, F. W. Galbraith, Jr., wrote me on May 31st, 1921, a few days before his death, expressing his appreciation of the suggestion of the hailing call, "Hello Al," for all Legionnaires.

The origin of this greeting will be of interest to all ex-service men. I was in competition with another man for an ex-serv-

ice man's trade. He was a Legionnaire and I had heard another salesman calling him "Buddy." Therefore, I knew I had to go one better or lose out.

On Friday morning, Oct. 1st, 1920, in Western Pennsylvania, I approached my prospect and said, "Hello, Al." He looked me over and as much as said, "Old man, I am sorry for you, but I cannot help you, much as I should like to."

I then told him that I was not shell-shocked, and that I could prove that his first name was "Al."

"You wear a Legion button," I said. "The first letters spell: 'AL.' A for American and L for Legion. A. L.—'AL.'"

"You win. What do you want?" he queried.

"Your business."

"You get it."

And from that day on I have been hailing as "Al" all the Legionnaires I meet.

I am now traveling in Illinois, and it looks as if a sufficient number will be acquainted with the hail to adopt it at the next state convention. The Elk says: "Hello, Bill," the Shriner, "Hello, Noble," why not the Legionnaire, "Hello, Al"?—L. B. HARNISH, *Kenneth Newman Post, Pittsburgh, Pa.*

Did the Jocks Sing This?

To the Editor: I should like to know the words of the overseas verse containing these lines:

'Tis the same the wide world over
It's the poor what gets the blame,
It's the rich what gets the pleasure,
Isn't it a blooming shame?

Is this the song used as a marching song by the Black Watch?—B. VINCENT IMBRIE, *East Liberty (Pa.) Post.*

Want to Go to France?

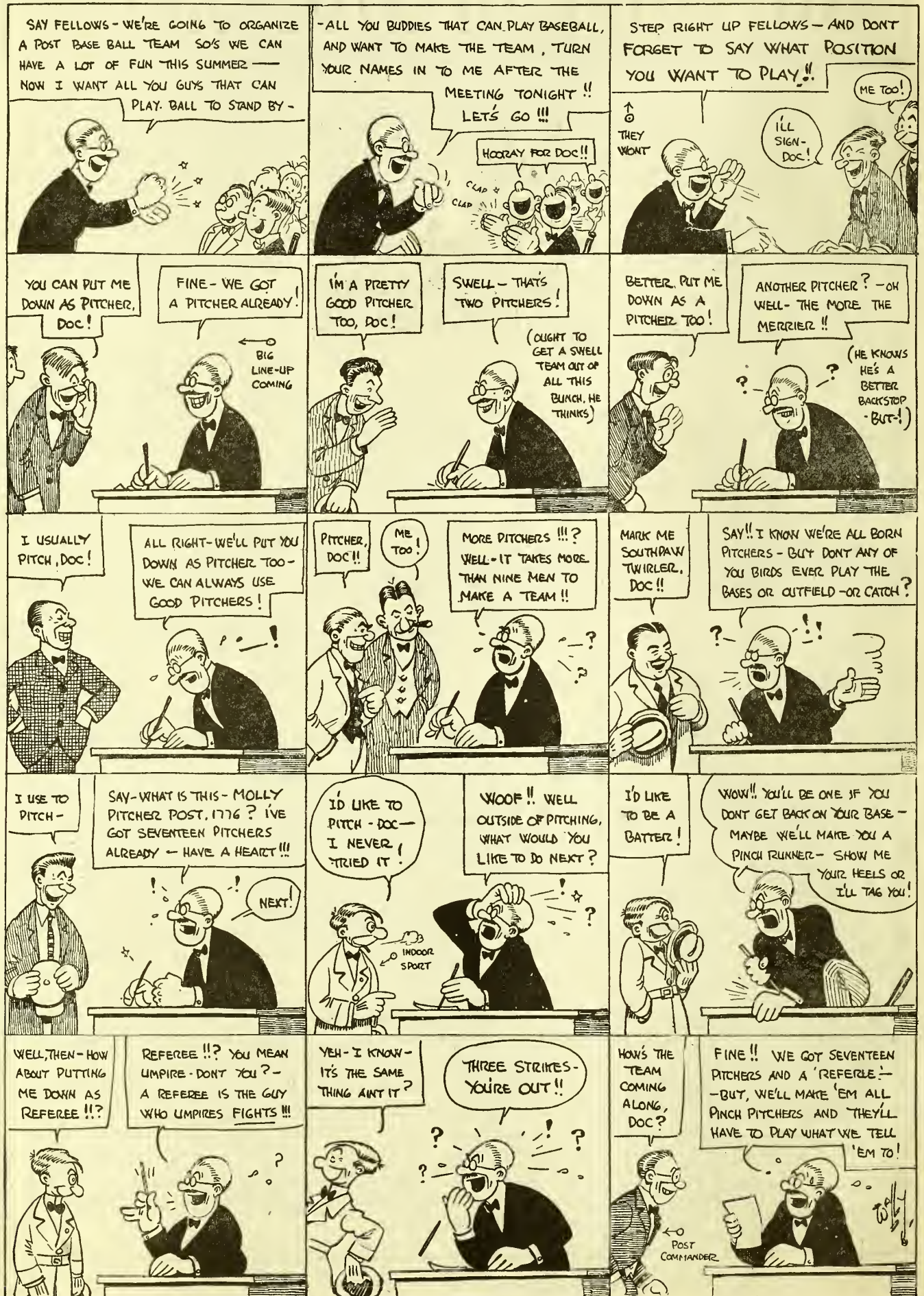
AN UNOFFICIAL Legion trip to France, Belgium and England has been authorized by the National Commander and is planned for this summer. The steamer *President Roosevelt*, with a Legion skipper and an all-Legion crew, has been tentatively engaged for the trip. All two hundred and twenty-five reservations on the ship will be at the disposal of The American Legion. The party, it is planned, will sail from New York July 25th, and will return there September 3d. The estimated expenses are \$545 for each passenger.

Are you interested? Do you want to go? If so, communicate with the French Trip Editor, The American Legion Weekly, 627 West 43d Street, New York City, at once.

Legionnaires only are eligible for the party. The purpose of the trip will be primarily to afford an opportunity for revisiting the countries in which the A.E.F. fought and was stationed and to renew old friendships formed there during the war. It will in no sense be of the official nature of last year's Legion pilgrimage. Except for a possible day or two of semi-formal receptions the time of the travelers will be all their own.

The Post Athletic Director

By Wallgren



Keeping Step with the Legion

Fall in!

IT'S too bad you've grown too fat for your uniform. Honest it is. We sympathize with you. We've grown too fat for our own uniform. But we're going to hunt a Memorial Day parade and get in it and march, if they go twenty miles.

That's the way we feel about Memorial Day. We may bust a flock of buttons, and we may look like a compressed kite balloon, but we feel that so long as the country owes a duty of recognition to the men who fought for it, we owe a duty of recognition too. It's personal with us—like being kind to our parents. Probably during the war we paraded more than any other living person. We paraded before, after, and in the middle. But we're going to parade again.

We owe it to the Grand Army. Not that the Grand Army is going around asking our help; they're a pretty husky lot, everything considered, and spend more time thinking of ways to help us than you'd think. But they are grateful for our help, just the same, as this extract from G. A. R. General Order No. 5 will show:

To assist in this service has come the welcome aid of our sons and daughters and many auxiliary organizations, who ask the privilege of sharing in this honor. This assistance should be gladly accepted. During these later years the honor of the Nation has called for the same last full measure of devotion from its sons in yet other wars, and a greater and broader significance has been given to the Memorial Day, until now the whole nation observes it as sacred to the memory of its sons who in any age or on any field have given their lives for their country. Let the sons of veterans and the soldiers of all wars be earnestly invited to participate in these exercises, to the end especially that when the veterans of the Sixties are no longer here to do this work others may be ready to carry on the same patriotic service into the future.

And here's another argument, which may prove effective:

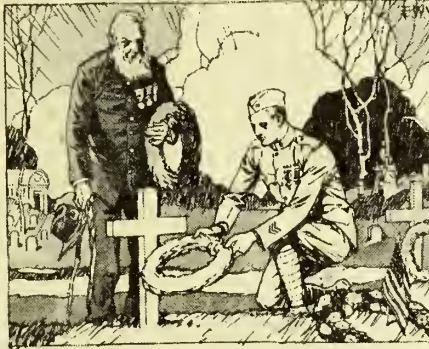
It is fitting that their (the Civil War veterans) memory should be kept green in the memory of their living comrades, and in the memory of their descendants, as long as time lasts. Nothing can conduce to this end more effectually than the beautiful custom of decorating the graves of the patriotic dead every recurring May.

Ulysses Simpson Grant wrote that last paragraph.

An Unobtrusive Holiday

OUR American holidays fall into two classes. There is the type, like Memorial Day, Independence Day and Christmas, on which courts adjourn, banks close, and the wheels of industry cease turning—the kind to which most Americans, however reverent or otherwise, pay at least the hom-

and the Auxiliary



age of not getting up so early. Then there is the kind of holiday on which none of these things may occur, when stores and factories are as open as on any other day, when the alarm clock

Legion Calendar

Memorial Day

Tuesday, and a big day. It's a duty to history and to posterity to turn out.

Flag Day

The Elks have been assured of the Legion's co-operation in observing June 14th. The colors should be flown from all buildings—including schools.

Service Census

The end is not yet—not until every veteran in the country has been listed and catalogued.

The Disabled

Have you written the fellows from your home town who are in hospitals? Do they get the home-town paper?

Unemployment

There are still jobs to be filled and veterans to fill them.

bangs with just as insistent a clatter as it does on the morning before and the morning after.

This second type of holiday can be observed just as fitly as the first, especially if it has some outward symbol that forces unmistakably on the mind the fact that it is a day of observance and veneration for something. Flag Day, June 14th, fits this classification perfectly. We get up just as early, we go to work, we carry on exactly as we do on any other working day—but everywhere about us floats the tri-colored symbol of the occasion.

That is the way to observe Flag Day—by breaking out the flag.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has been observing it for years. Until the day has come to be definitely associated with the order. National Headquarters of the Legion has assured the Elks of the Legion's willing-

ness to co-operate in observing the day.

Elaborate programs are not necessary, though special exercises might well be carried out in the schools. But beyond that, the post will have done its duty if it sees to it that the flag is flown from every dwelling and every public building in the community, particularly every schoolhouse. That in itself is a pretty large order, but it is worth carrying out.

Calling on Tommy Atkins

THE British Legion sent a representative to the American Convention at Kansas City last year, and now The American Legion is returning the call. In response to an invitation, National Vice-Commander H. Nelson Jackson of Vermont has been appointed by National Commander MacNider to represent The American Legion at the annual Conference of the British Legion, which will be held in London, June 4th, 5th and 6th.

The Publicity Hound

WHO'S a publicity hound? The Circulation Manager, of course. We almost got away without mentioning him this week, but he horned in again, asking us for a little more urge on the subscription business. He wants more veterans to get the Weekly, as we mentioned last week. He wants every Legionnaire to get a subscriber. Two dollars per each is the rate for non-Legion subscribers.

Don't forget that only Legionnaires can canvass for subscriptions. A few agencies take subscribers if you go to them, but there's no reason why you shouldn't send in the money and the new subscriber's name yourself.

There are a score or more of ex-service magazines and newspapers in America, but The American Legion Weekly is the *only national organ* of The American Legion. If you want to show an eligible ex-soldier or sailor just what the Legion is doing, put the Weekly in his hands. For two dollars you can put it in his hands for a year.

One fellow from Chicago wrote the C. M. only last week, saying: "I read my roommate's Weekly yesterday, and saw some of the things the Legion is doing for veterans everywhere. I decided that the only way for me to help was to join. I'm joined."

Post Colors

HOW many Legion post banners will be carried in the convention parade at New Orleans next October? Your guess is as good as anybody else's—let's say 500 up. Too high? Well, how many Legion post banners do you think were carried in the Kansas City convention parade? No need to guess here—the Emblem Division at National Headquarters, which had to buy the sil-

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BURSTS AND DUDS

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Tomorrow

Mebbe Today things *do* look kind o' blue,
Mebbe there's reason for cryin';
P'raps you've got cause for the grousin' you do,
P'raps there's excuse for your sighin'.
But, buddy, Today's just a flash on the screen,
So don't look for troubles to borrow,
But pack up your woes in your kit bag, and say,
"Well—things will be better tomorrow!"

Mebbe the world *is* an unrestful place,
Tired and war-worn and scrappy;
Mebbe it's hard to get used to the pace,
Sometimes it's hard to be happy.
But, buddy, there's silver behind every cloud
And smiles made to chase away sorrow,
So buck up and grin at your troubles, and say,
"Well—things will be better tomorrow!"

LOUIS HOWARD.

That Local Color

Mrs. Timothy Hay: "For heaven's sake! What are you going to do with that old wagon? And that harness grandfather had? Where on earth is the car? And what are you dressed like a tramp for? And that straw in your mouth! Are you going crazy?"

Mr. T. Hay (reproachfully): "Maria, where's your wits? Don't you know them summer boarders are coming on the next train?"

The Infallible

Patient: "What shall I do for insomnia, Doctor?"

Physician: "Every evening keep repeating to yourself: 'I am a night watchman, I am a night watchman, I am a night watchman.'" "

The Strategic Moment

Citizen: "That's my car. The thief is just fixing a blowout."

Policeman: "All right, I'll go over and arrest him."

Citizen: "Sh-h-h! Wait till he gets the tire pumped up."

Still in Doubt

"Does that novel you have just been reading have a happy ending?"

"How should I know? The hero and heroine are married in the last chapter."

A Wee Compromise

A Scotchman who had just arrived in this country learned for the first time of the devastating effect of the Volstead Act, and was much cast down. Finally he announced, however, that since it was the law, obey it he would.

"Do you mean to tell me, Jock," asked a friend, "that if you were standing in a lake of Scotch whisky up to your knees, you wouldn't be caught bending?"

"Aye, that's what I mean," replied the law-abider staunchly.

"Suppose it was right up to your armpits, would you stoop?"

"Nay, that I would not."

"Well, suppose it was right up to your chin, wouldn't you sip it?"

"Aweel," said Jock, who was beginning to weaken, "I'm no sayin' I would, mind ye, but I *might* make a wee ripple with ma hand."

Circumstantial Only

On the complaint of a farmer, old Ephraim had been haled into court charged with chicken shooting. His lawyer had made a fairly good case for him and for a clincher had the plaintiff recalled, hoping to make him contradict his own testimony.

"See here," he said, scowling savagely, "will you swear that it was Ephraim who shot your chicken?"

"Wal," said the farmer mildly, "I won't swear to it, but I suspect him."

"That's not enough to convict a man. What makes you suspect him?"

"Wal, I saw him in the chicken yard with a gun, then I heard the gun go off, and then I saw him putting the chicken into a bag—and it didn't somehow seem sensible to figger the bird committed suicide."

No Credit Extended

The world owes us a living;
We hold this truth to be.
But ne'ertheless it always comes
To us marked C. O. D.

Not So Slow

The colored preacher announced the collection would now be taken.

"Ah 'spectfully requests de brethern an' sistern," he declaimed, "to put small change, sech as nickels an' dimes, in de contribution plate today, 'stead of mebbe quartahs. Not only does dey jangle mo' and make us-all sound mo' prosperous, but also me an' de deacons aims to have a li'l penny-ante aftuh de s'vices."

Oh!

Slick: "Hear about Nick? Escape of gas in his cellar the other night, and he struck a match to try and locate the leak."

Hick: "Idiot! I should have thought that the last thing he would do."

Slick: "It was."

Local Pride

Stranger: "Can you direct me to the best hotel in town?"

Native: "There ain't but one hotel in this town, mister, and that's the worst one."

Ideally Cast

Actor: "In my new play I disappear in the first act, and from that moment on, everybody in the cast is on edge trying to find me."

Friend: "Say, you must be the manager!"

Spendthrift

Jeff Doakes was known far and wide for his economical habits, and gloried in them. "I'll bet, Jeff," remarked an acquaintance, "that you didn't even spend money to buy your wife a birthday present this year."

"Well, yes," admitted Doakes regretfully. "I weakened a little when her birthday come around. I went and spent two dollars puttin' an ad in the paper that she takes in sewin'."

Suggestions of a Doughboy

Being the Suggestions of a Doughboy on the Manner of Conducting the Next War, Together with Certain Reflections on the Conduct of the Last One.

25. That all song writers, would-be writers, song leaders and vaudeville singers be marked Class 1-A. That they be drafted in the first contingent and have at least six months' intensive training at K. P., sanitary detail, etc., before being permitted to compose their country's songs.

That any person who shall write, compose or sing, or attempt to write, compose or sing songs expressing doughboy sentiment without such previous training shall be liable to death and shall be sent over the top at midnight with a lantern in each hand.

(To be continued)

Giving the Limit

The visiting officer had several times commented on the extraordinary discipline that prevailed among a certain outfit of colored troops. Late in the day, when the colonel's car swung out from headquarters and passed down the regimental street, everybody stiffened to attention, each darky snapping into the salute with the precision of clockwork.

"It's really remarkable," said the visitor to the colonel, "how the devil do you manage it? As a rule they incline to shiftlessness and slovenliness."

"Easy," replied his host. "We have a special system here of our own invention. Every time a man is brought up for breach of discipline we fine him a pair of his personal, private dice."

Unexpurgated

The rookie was told he must get special mess orders from the top sergeant before the cook would give him any chow. It chanced that when he approached the topser, the latter was having troubles of his own, and he instructed the applicant what to tell the cook in super-top parlance.

"Well," said the rookie's buddy when the lad returned, "what luck?"

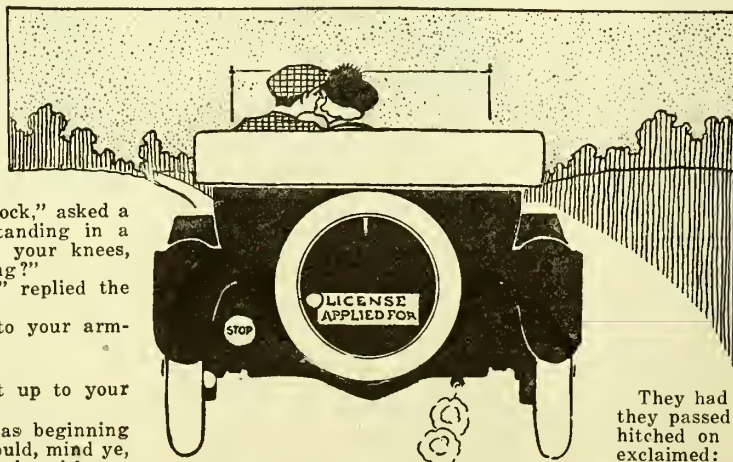
"I got 'em all right," answered the john, "but I must have forgot part of them, because when I repeated to the cook just what the top had said he threw the cleaver at me."

Puncture Proofs

It was the small boy's first long tour and he had watched with greatest interest while his father overhauled the car and strapped the extra tires on the rear.

They had just crossed into Missouri when they passed a farmer who had three mules hitched on behind his wagon and the boy exclaimed:

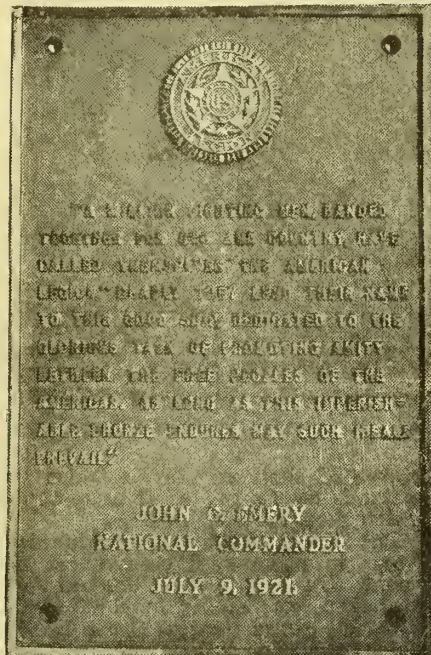
"Say, Dad, I bet he's goin' to the Yellowstone too—he's carrying three spares."



Concerning Signs

The Spirit That Goes to Sea

WHEN the S. S. American Legion was commissioned, a banquet was held on board at which John G. Emery, then National Commander of The American Legion, was present. Pointing to a bulkhead of the dining saloon, he said in effect, "Right there ought to go a tablet which will present the aims and spirit of the organization for which this beautiful ship was named."



This is the tablet. It was presented recently while the ship was in New York Harbor by a committee which included Past National Commander Henry D. Lindsley and Department Commander William F. Deegan of New York.

Government Supplies and Equipment

To the Editor: I have noticed letters from time to time in the Voice column of the Weekly in which ex-doughboys or ex-gobs ask about procuring their blankets, uniforms, hammocks and other service equipment from the Government. If the Government is still putting out this stuff I would like to know to whom I should write to get a new O. D. uniform. The old one is about shot.—R. K. LAKE, Springfield, Mo.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Government has discontinued the issuance or reissue of uniforms and equipment to discharged enlisted men. This law went into effect June 1, 1921.

Books Received

IS AMERICA SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY? By William McDougall. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

THE FIRST BATTALION. 406th Telegraph Battalion, Signal Corps. By Peter Lambert Schauble. Redfield-Kendrick-Odell Company, New York.

HOW AMERICA WENT TO WAR. By Benedict Crowell and Robert Forrest Wilson. The Armies of Industry, 2 vols.; The Giant Hand; The Road to France, 2 vols.; Demobilization. Yale University Press, New Haven, Conn.

THE AIRY, HAIRY AGE

WHEN THE YOUNG MAN TUCKED HIS WHISKERS UNDERNEATH THE QUILT AT NIGHT



Forty years ago most men permitted Nature to take her course, as far as their whiskers were concerned.

The college student who posed for this picture was serious about it. He was not trying merely to show what might happen if whiskers were permitted to have their own way.

Not only collegians, but floor-walkers, statesmen, poets, and soldiers were defiantly bewhiskered, back in the 70's or late Dundreary period.

Do you recall the portraits of Hayes, Garfield, Conkling and Blaine; Longfellow, Lowell and Bryant; Grant and Sherman; Lee and Stonewall Jackson?

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The Beginnings and Results of Memorial Day

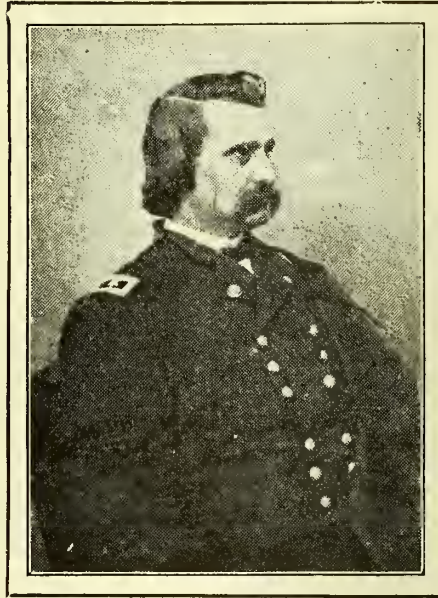


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The late General John A. Logan, who, as commander in chief, issued the G. A. R. order creating Memorial Day!

THE South supplied the sentiment; the North the organization. This is probably the most truthful generalization which can be made concerning the origin of Memorial Day.

The Civil War was nearer, in a sense, to the people of the South than it was to the North. True, the North and the South each gave the lives of 300,000 men. But the South gave far more in proportion to her population. Old men and boys had been mustered into the army which surrendered to Grant at Appomattox.

Even more significant from the standpoint of sentiment, the Civil War was fought on the South's own soil. Like the mothers of Belgium, the mothers of the South were actual witnesses to the bloody spectacle of war.

In Florence, Ala., the women nursed the wounded from the armies of North and South alike. They bandaged the wounds and cared for the boys they called their own, and then they ministered to the ones who had injured them—"from the enemy's camps."

Florence was typical of hundreds of other places in the South. No wonder the custom of setting one day apart each spring for decorating the graves of their heroes sprang up spontaneously in villages, towns and cities all over the Southland. All over, did we say? No, as a matter of fact, it wasn't quite everywhere that a day was set apart and the community as a whole participated in exercises.

This is where the North's part came in. In the North the scores of independent veterans' organizations which had sprung up immediately after the war had been consolidated into one body, the Grand Army of the Republic. News was coming in of the impressive ceremonies which communities in the South were holding in honor of their dead. One item in the New York *Tribune* told how the women of Columbus, Miss., when they decorated the

graves of their own heroes, also put garlands on the graves of some of the Union men buried there.

The North mustered its organized forces to make such observances national. On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, commander in chief of the G. A. R., issued General Order No. 11, which said, "The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades. . . ." Years afterwards General Logan referred to this step as, "the proudest act of my life." As a result of this order sentiment was crystallized throughout the North for setting aside a single day in the spring of each year for paying tribute to the soldier dead.

It is recorded that one hundred and eighty-three communities in the North co-operated with the G. A. R. in holding appropriate exercises for the dead the first year. The following year the observance became still more general. School children took part in exercises. Programs, including parades, speeches and music were arranged.

In the North, in accordance with the G. A. R. order, May 30th has been the day observed from the start. In the South, where the custom had been more of a natural growth, different days were set in different States. Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi selected April 26th, the date of the surrender of the last Confederate army. South Carolina observes May 10th, the day on which Jefferson Davis was captured, and Tennessee, June 3d.

Two changes have come about in the observance of Memorial Day in the years that have passed since the conclusion of the Civil War. One was attested to on June 4th, 1914, when President Wilson officially accepted as a gift from the Daughters of the Confederacy a monument in memory of the Confederate dead which had been placed in the National Cemetery at Arlington,

where lie the soldiers of the Union Army.

A few days before, when Mr. Wilson spoke at the Memorial Day exercises held in the same cemetery, he said: "There is no other civil war in history the stings of which were removed before the men who did the fighting passed from the stage of life."

Attention was called to the other change which has come about in the significance of the day by President Harding in his speech at the Memorial Day exercises held at Arlington Cemetery a year ago.

"To me," he said, "no thought comes with more inspiration than this, that now our Memorial Day is become an international occasion it calls upon the fortunate free in many lands and countries to help in its observance, and that equally to them and to us it is a reminder of our common troth to civilization, humanity and everlasting justice."

Disabled

By William Lossone

Before Fritz halted my career

An' nicked my ol' left wing,
I used to twirl the horsehide sphere

An' had the proper swing;
But now I sit an' watch the game

An' hear the captain jaw:

"It's no use, Bill, the team's gone lame—
We miss your ol' south paw!"

The game goes on, it's nip an' tuck,
The score is three to three;

Our pitcher is a rangy duck,
He looks the goods to me.

But Jim, the shortstop, standing near,
Begins to hem and haw:

"He's slippin', Bill, an' listen here—
We miss your ol' south paw!"

The game is ended. Gloom prevails.

They licked us four to three.

The county champs have lowered their
sails,

Our rivals shout with glee.

My old coach says: "It's hard, by heck,
To keep within the law;

I'd like to wring that pitcher's neck—
We miss your ol' south paw!"

Last night Old Sawbones cheered me
up;

He sang a glad refrain:

"Your wing is doing fine, old pup,
You'll soon be fit again."

An' though my team-mates met defeat
An' feel it pretty raw,

One thought to me is bitter-sweet—
They missed my ol' south paw!

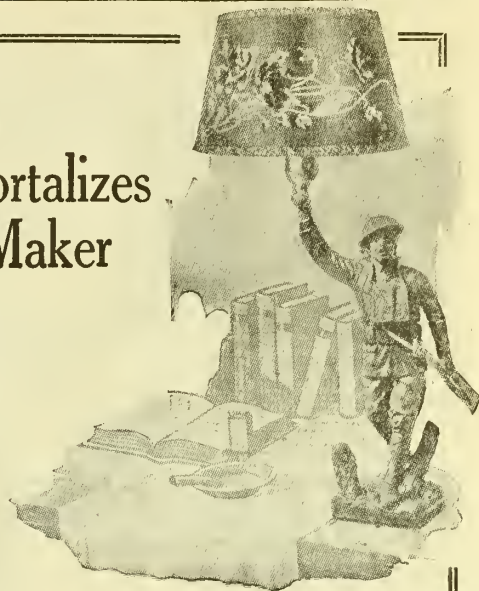
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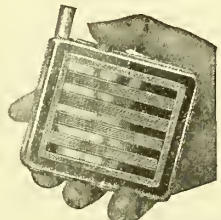
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Headquarters of the Department of Illinois of The American Legion will soon be located in the McBurnes Memorial at Bloomington. The same building will house Louis E. Davis Post

The Memorial of a Man Who Could Not Fight

MR. and MRS. JOHN MCBARNES of Bloomington, Illinois, were dispossessed by age from the glory of the World War. Not that they saw the war as an opportunity for glory—only for hard work. But when the war was ended, Mr. and Mrs. John McBurnes felt that their work was not done and that they still could serve.

This issue of The American Legion Weekly is dated May 26th. Tomorrow, May 27th, at Bloomington, Illinois, National Commander Hanford MacNider will lay the corner stone for a \$125,000 building, to be the home of Louis E. Davis Post and the home of Illinois Department Headquarters of The American Legion. This building will be known as the McBurnes Memorial, and was made possible by a single cash gift of \$125,000 by Mr. and Mrs. McBurnes—their generous tribute to the men who fought for them in the World War as well as in other wars of America.

Besides National Commander MacNider and Department Commander William R. McCauley and other Legion officials who will be present at the corner stone laying, Legion posts will be represented from all over the State, each delegation accompanied by its colors. Unfortunately, Mr. McBurnes will not be there

to take part in the exercises; he died a week after he had arranged for his gift, which is said to be the largest individual contribution of its kind The American Legion has ever received. Mrs. McBurnes will be present, however, if only to complete the long task she has assigned herself, for she has been active on the building committee since her husband's death.

It is expected that the building will be completed by January 1, 1923. It will be finished of Bedford stone, 100 by 80 feet. The first floor will contain a post room and a recreation room for the Grand Army, as well as a room for the McLean County Historical Society and spacious quarters for the Department of Illinois. On the second floor will be a beautiful lounging and reading room, a billiard and pool room and a card room. Space will be provided for a canteen. The second floor also will contain rooms for the use of committees. The third floor will be given over to rooms for the Auxiliary and other patriotic women's organizations and smoking rooms for the men. Enough room for an assembly hall capable of comfortably seating 600 persons will be left.

The county will maintain the memorial building without cost to The American Legion.



The late John McBurnes and his widow who made the Illinois memorial possible by a gift of \$125,000

"Play Ball" Says the Legion Abroad

THE Legion will play baseball in Europe this year, both in Paris and in London.

Do you suppose the Limies can ever be taught the game? At any rate, Colonel Solbert, Military Attaché at London and head of the London Post of The American Legion, is going to try and whip a British Legion team into shape.

Turn about is fair play, so The American Legion has agreed to take lessons in cricket from the English actor, R. T. Crawford, who is an old time star at that game.

After each team has mastered the other's game as best it can the Legion will play the English in cricket and then the British Legion team and the American Legion team will meet in baseball. The proceeds of the baseball game, which is to be played at Stamford Bridge, will be turned over to the Arthur Pearson Memorial Fund for the blind.

The real hot baseball in Europe this year will be in Paris, where four and maybe more American teams, including one from the Paris Post of the Legion, will play games throughout the summer. There were eight teams in the Paris league last year, but the diminishing supply of Americans has made it unlikely that there will be as many this year. One possibility which is being talked of is the filling out of some of the American teams with French players who took up the game last year.

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Liberty Bonds: General Accounting Office, Navy Department.
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Ash Cans and Battleships

By Roy Horton



RIGHT now, during the coming year and before our very eyes, Uncle Sam, the gentleman with the white whiskers who took so many young men abroad recently at his own expense, is going to throw away a few battleships. To the uninitiated, that may sound like a very simple thing but to one, like myself, who has seen the U. S. Navy work from the inside, it sounds about as easy as putting a poached egg back in the shell. Not that I have ever tried to throw away a battleship; I am simply judging by the trouble I had trying to make away with a worn-out ash can.

During the summer of 1918, that banner year for American tourists in France, I served as an officer, low in rank but still an officer, on a transport which ran a ferryboat service between Hoboken and Brest to take descendents of Lafayette, and others, back to the Old Country.

To keep the crew from worrying about what was called the "submarine menace," the first two days out of the French port were devoted to that pleasant pastime known as "cleaning ship." On the third day, the Captain would tear himself away from the bridge and inspect the ship from stem to stern and from cellar to attic. The purpose of the inspection was to find some fault with each and every compartment and the Captain never failed in this, his duty. That necessitated a second inspection on the day following.

On the trip on which the ash can nearly made an "oil can" of me, I was responsible for the cleaning of a compartment in the Forecastle Division, and we had done our work so well that the Old Man was somewhat at a loss to find anything to protest against. He was not one to shirk his bounden duty, however, and finally discovered a refuse can which was slightly more dented and battered than its fellows. He pointed it out to the Division Officer and told him that he was considerably annoyed at finding such a can on a ship which he was commanding, and that he would like it removed forthwith.

The Division Officer immediately sent for me so that he could get the Skipper's bawling out out of his system. I judged from his remarks that, by failing to remove that waste can prior to

inspection, I had completely ruined his faith in his fellowmen and that, if all the officers under him were so dumb, he would be forced to take care of the smallest detail himself.

He would, however, give me one more chance. He would leave it to me to see that the can was removed at once.

I sent for the Chief Boatswain's Mate and went below to look at the atrocious eyesore. It was not such a bad-looking can, as cans go, and I would gladly have cherished it as Exhibit A to prove to all and sundry how well the cleaning had been done. The C.B.M. came and I told him that it did seem that he might have had sense enough to remove such a looking thing without my telling him about it, that he had exhibited the most amazing lack of intelligence, and that I had suffered for his stupidity. He listened carefully to what I had to say so that he could use my remarks as a basis for a more lurid tirade of his own when next he should meet the Boatswain's Mate, 1st Class.

"You say the word, sir," he said, when I had finished, "and I will take it aft and throw it over the side."

That sounded reasonable enough. The can was worn out and had been declared so by no less an authority than the Captain, but a still, small voice warned me to take no rash steps. So I went to the Division Officer and asked him to say the word so that I could have the can thrown overboard. He passed the buck. He advised that I see the First Lieutenant about it.

The First Lieutenant is the officer who has charge of the ship's material. He told me that ash cans were either "title B" or "title X." If they were the former, I would be safe in casting it overboard; but, if they were the latter, they could not be thrown away. At his suggestion, I sought the Chief Storekeeper and was informed, after a lengthy search, that ash cans were "title X." Back I went to the First Lieutenant.

Well, what did I want now? The can was "title X" and could not be thrown away. That ought to be simple enough for even a Reserve officer to understand. It could be disposed of according to Regulations at some future time, when the ship should go into drydock, or after the war. No, there was no place to store it until such time. Yes, he realized that I had to get rid of it by the next day. It was a problem, wasn't it? Still it was my problem, not his, and I could probably think of some way out of my difficulty.

It was my move and it looked like

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checkmate. There was, however, one course left open. Just before inspection, I had the can taken aft and placed in a compartment in the After Division, where some other officer could worry about it. I do not know what finally became of that can, but it would not surprise me to find it still in use on the same ship.

That is why I say that a mean job confronts the man to whom falls the task of throwing away a perfectly good battleship. I do not suppose that anyone has even taken the trouble to find out whether dreadnoughts are "title B" or "title X."

Retainer Pay for Naval Reserves

INFORMATION regarding retainer pay may be obtained by former members of Classes 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Naval Reserve Corps, discontinued last September, by writing to the Navy Allotment Officer, Washington, D. C. Letters, according to a recent statement issued by the Navy Allotment Office, should show the date of enrollment, address at time of enrollment, and all changes reported to naval officials, the amount and approximate date of any retainer pay checks which have been received and a brief statement of service. Names should be either typewritten or printed and a brief statement showing dates of any correspondence with Naval District Commandants and what it contained should also be included.

Air Service Cadets' Back Pay Claims

PENDING the outcome of an appeal from the decision of the Court of Claims in Washington, D. C., which granted back pay to Air Service Cadets whose compensation was reduced from the special rate of \$100 per month to that of a private, first class, or \$33, men seeking this back pay may file claims with the Comptroller General of the United States.

Communications should be addressed to the Department Accounting Office, War Department Division, 1734 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., instead of to the Finance Officer of the War Department, as advised in the past.

In filing a claim, the case of Nelson W. Rider vs. the United States should be cited, and the claimant should make request for a reconsideration of the decision of the Assistant Comptroller of the Treasury dated March 12, 1920, (Ben Colman, 680661).

Soldierin' Fever

By Oliver Otis Hart

Bugles seem to call me

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Permanent Billets for the Jobless

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along. In Shreveport, the next largest city in Louisiana, jobs were found for 140 out of 150 in need of them.

The Department of Texas placed 750 men in the Legion drive and 1,200 remained jobless, of whom 600 were reported as transients.

The Legion in Arkansas has secured first consideration for ex-service men when the M. & N. A. Railroad is reopened. This road is a 350-mile line, service on which was discontinued while in the hands of a receiver.

Due to the seasonal opening of mines the Department of Utah reports that it is safe to predict that within thirty days the unemployment problem in that State will be ended. Road work and building are also helpful elements.

Idaho Gets 500 Jobs

Idaho placed 500 men. The opening of mines, the resumption of operation by many of the smelters and a demand for timber as the result of nation-wide building operations promise an end to unfavorable conditions there.

The increased demand for timber is playing an important part in the improvement of conditions in the State of Washington, as well. Saw mills are working day and night shifts for the first time since 1919. The passage of the Smith-McNary Reclamation Bill promises the allocation of \$5,000,000 for the completion of small irrigation projects in the State. The Legion placed 3,000 men in the Employment Day drive and is steadily placing more.

The large cities of Minnesota—Duluth, St. Paul, and Minneapolis—all report improvement and it is thought a large proportion of those unemployed at the present time are seekers for the gold at the rainbow's end, floaters, who have been advised, incidentally, by National Commander MacNider to go back and settle down in the home town.

Indiana also reports that things are mending. The Legion's drive there netted 6,000 jobs, 3,000 of which were permanent. Adjutant Frank J. Henley makes an interesting remark when he says if such conditions arise again next year the department will be much better qualified to handle its problems.

Four Optimistic States

The big departments of South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas all report that conditions which have never been downright serious are much improved. The building of roads and the commencement of work on the farms is sure to make plenty of work during the coming months in all these States. Corn-shucking in the last three will last right up through the fall.

These reports show that Legion posts the country over have been on the job. Last winter when there was suffering they provided food and lodging for men who were up against it. They secured for them the best jobs obtainable. Not all jobs were permanent; but hungry men were mighty glad to get them.

There won't be any suffering this summer and fall, except where special conditions prevail—that much is predicted almost everywhere. But the Legion's work will be far from ended.

Two or three million ex-service men haven't married yet. Many of them would have been married long ago had it not been for the war. They are now at the most marriageable age, but a hand-to-mouth job is nothing with which to take on the responsibilities of a wife and children.

One of the questions asked in the questionnaire which was sent out to the Legion in the localities named above concerned the kind of co-operation the Legion is getting from employers in its work to place ex-service men in jobs. The answer received from every post was, "good." But what is more important was the reason given. Department after department stated that the reason co-operation had been good is because employers are finding men supplied by the Legion are excellent workers.

The Legion's Honor Roll

THE following towns and cities have been awarded diplomas by National Headquarters of The American Legion for distinguished service in finding jobs for unemployed ex-service men. Similar awards made in the future will be noted in The American Legion Weekly.

<i>Arizona</i>	Winslow.
<i>Arkansas</i>	Batesville, Blytheville, El Dorado, Fort Smith, Harrison, Jonesboro, Morrilton, Stuttgart, Texarkana.
<i>Illinois</i>	Chicago, Danville, DeKalb, Kankakee, Peoria, Quincy, Robinson, Rockford, Toluca.
<i>Kansas</i>	Anthony, Downs, Lawrence, Osborne, Solomon, Washington.
<i>Maryland</i>	Cumberland, Frederick.
<i>Nebraska</i>	Falls City.
<i>New Jersey</i>	Bloomfield, Camden, Elizabeth, Newark, Roosevelt, South Amboy, Tenafly, Trenton, Wildwood.
<i>New Mexico</i>	Roy.
<i>South Dakota</i>	Aberdeen, Aisen, Mitchell, Sioux Falls.
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Is the American Legion selfish? Edward H. Prell, head of the Administration Division of National Headquarters, answers the question this way:

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This is the second of a series of similar questions which are asked Legionnaires and which, with answers, are to be published from time to time in these columns. What was your answer to a tough question? Tell the Dotted Line Editor of The American Legion Weekly, 627 West 43d Street, New York City.

Keeping Step with the Legion

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ver markers which headquarters presented to every post that bore its colors in the parade, has exact figures. Three hundred and forty-six.

Some 3,500 posts—one in every three in existence—own their own stands of colors. They got them in various ways, some by gift, some by appropriations from the post treasury, some by special attractions that brought in a healthy supply of funds.

Fourth of July is probably the biggest money-making day in the Legion's year through outdoor carnivals, baseball, fairs, etc. Some of the revenue thus produced might well be devoted to the purchase of a stand of post colors.

For a post that is just breaking in on the money-making game, a stand of post colors provides a good limited objective. A silk post flag, with the name of post, town and State and the words "American Legion," in addition to the Legion emblem, costs \$90, and the national colors in silk in the same size (four feet four inches by five feet six inches) cost \$45, or \$135 for the set. The same dimensions in wool cost, respectively, \$45 and \$25. A silk Auxiliary flag costs \$75 and the national colors \$35. The reason for the lesser price for Auxiliary banners is that they come only in a three by five size. The Auxiliary standard, moreover, does not come in wool.

Whatever the proportion is, the Service Census has definitely proved that the Legion has a lot of work cut out for it in meeting its obligation to supply the service along with the census. Where possible, of course, the job should be done locally. The higher up it goes, the farther from the source it proceeds, the more certain is the human touch to be lost—and the human touch is what stays with a man.

Doing the job locally means putting it in the hands of the post service officer. Where the post cannot take on the task, the National Service Division at National Headquarters wants to have complete data forwarded and will handle the cases.

Posts, however, are urged to meet the problem locally to the limit of their ability. The Legion, to the man in Blankville, does not mean National Headquarters or the National Service Division—it means Blankville Post. He measures Legion endeavor and Legion success by what Blankville Post tries to do and gets done.

About one-quarter of the posts, according to National Service Division figures, now have service officers. The remaining three-quarters ought to have. Who makes the best post service officer? Well, a lawyer ought to be a whiz at it. A member who spent the war as a company clerk, top kick or sergeant major—any paper-work hound—is an equally good bet.

It's Coming to Them

SEVENTY-FIVE percent of the men already canvassed in the Legion's Service Census have claims against the Government. The proportion is startling, but it must be remembered that a big share of the claims are Victory Medals, and while a Victory Medal undelivered is undoubtedly a claim against the Government, it is a long way from a medal to several months' back pay due or a hospital cot unoccupied.

Daniel in the Column

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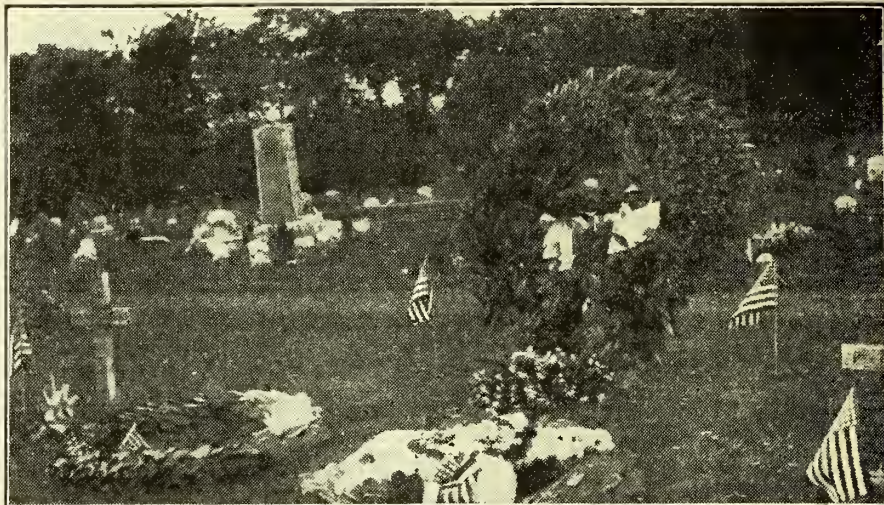
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The Division of the Dead

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Craigton Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland, where 25 Americans were buried. Their bodies are being removed to the central cemetery in Brookwood, England. The wreath seen above was the Legion's Memorial Day tribute

today, and certainly there would not be 2,000 of his comrades lying unidentified in their graves in France.

The identity of Arlington's Unknown Soldier has aroused the curiosity of so many Americans that the Graves Registration Service in Washington has been deluged with queries demanding to know who he was in life. That demand will never be satisfied. When the four coffins from Suresnes, Belleau Wood, Romagne and Thiaucourt were taken to Chalons-sur-Marne for final selection of the Unknown they were placed in a closely-guarded room. There the bodies were taken from the coffins and placed in plain wooden boxes without any distinguishing marks. The sergeant who made the selection had no previous information as to what his task would be, and no clue as to the places from which the bodies had been brought. After the Unknown Soldier had been placed in his casket the other three bodies were returned to Romagne cemetery for burial. They may lie at

Verdun later, however, for the French have requested that they be placed in their care for interment with their own heroes in the French national shrine at that historic citadel.

Our 30,000 dead lie in eight cemeteries in the lands where they died. One young American warrior, however, sleeps by himself in solemn glory on the spot where he fell, the special charge of the land he died fighting for. In the shell-torn woods near Epieds, not far north of Château-Thierry and the River Marne, Quentin Roosevelt occupies a solitary grave marked by a headstone lettered in French which tells the story of his death in battle in the air above that spot. The French erected the memorial shortly after the youthful aviator's death and because of the honor in which they held his father and the admiration they felt for the gallant boy himself, they requested that his body might be left in their care always. The Roosevelt family and the American Government acquiesced.

The Legion's Care of the Home-coming Dead

FOR two years and a half army transports have unloaded leaden caskets at Hoboken—caskets containing the remains of 45,000 of the A. E. F. dead which the next-of-kin in this country have asked to have returned. There have been forty shipments in all. The arrival, shipload by shipload, of the gray caskets made another duty for the Legion and the Legion accepted it.

The work that a military organization can do was carried out by the Graves Registration Service of the Army and carried out well. What one man can do for another was the phase of the work handled by the Legion, and the Legion did not fail.

Even before the gray caskets began arriving at Hoboken the Legion found work to do. Only bodies requested by relatives were returned, but since 1917 and 1918, the years in which practically

all the Army's records were made out, the families of many of the dead had moved. The Army had no machinery for making inquiries for them. So when the New York Department of the American Legion offered to help by means of its peacetime organization the Graves Registration Service was only too glad to receive its assistance.


The Legion, through a committee headed by Colonel Edward A. Simmons, sent out questionnaires to posts all over the country wherever there were buddies who had known the dead. Sometimes it was a case of questioning a post made up of men who had served in the same outfit. More often, however, members of the post in the place the man came from were the ones who supplied the desired information.

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The Legion was represented at the simple ceremony at the pier head in honor of the men who had died in Russia. Subsequently no bodies were landed without ceremonies either arranged by or under the auspices of the Legion. It was not possible to provide elaborate services on each occasion because the arrivals were too frequent, but in every instance prayers were read by an army chaplain of the Protestant and of the Catholic faith and by a former chaplain of the Jewish faith. An address by a prominent citizen or an army officer followed, and the service was concluded by a rifle salute, taps, the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" and a benediction.

On several occasions the services were noteworthy. President Harding delivered an address at services arranged by the Legion on May 23, 1921, when the *Princess Matoika* arrived with 451 dead. When the *Wheaton* and the *Somme* arrived on July 10, 1921, with 7,000 dead, services were held at which addresses were delivered by General Pershing and by Senator Lodge.

The last of these services was held on April 2, 1922, in honor of 1,060 dead brought in on the *Cambrai*. The caskets aboard the *Cambrai* were virtually the last which are to return.

On the day of the *Cambrai's* arrival the bells of Brooklyn's churches tolled. The remains of Private Charles W. Graves, Company M., 117th Infantry, Thirtieth Division, were born on a caisson through streets lined with silent throngs down the Fort Hamilton Parkway to the army base. The body of this soldier had been chosen by lot to represent the 45,000 who had returned silently before him.

As the procession reached the army base the Legion flags were grouped on one side of the big outdoor stand and the marchers who had borne the national colors massed on the other side. Archbishop Hayes recited the Lord's Prayer and a message from President Harding was read. Twenty-five thousand persons witnessed these ceremonies. The Legion had done what it could to honor the homecoming of the dead.

In only one instance has the Graves Registration Service failed to locate relatives of the dead after the body arrived in this country. His brother requested the return of Private John Harrian's body. The body arrived on the *Wheaton*, December 15, 1920, but, in the meantime, the brother had moved from Butte, Mont., the address given, leaving no other address.

With the assistance of the Red Cross Private Harrian's brother was traced to Portland, Ore., and from there to Seattle, where the trail was lost. Only one thing remained to do, namely, that which the dead man's brother himself would have done could he have been found, and the Legion did it. It provided a decent burial for Private John Harrian. His body was shipped to Washington where it was buried at Arlington with military honors.



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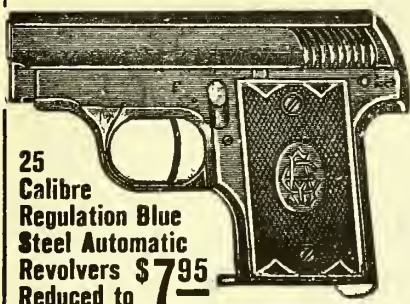
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Canada Writes to Buddy Bill

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Far as I can see there's only one thing for ex-service men to do and that's to keep organized. We're trying to do it here and it pays. Why, when the G. W. V. A. got up against it because unemployment hit the boys and they couldn't pay their dues, our Dominion Headquarters staff was able to go to the Government and get sixty or seventy thousand dollars of the interest that is piling up on the Canadian troops' share of the overseas canteen profits. There's about two million dollars in that fund that has got to be used for the boys as soon as we can figure out the best way to spend it. The interest we got was mostly used to put on a campaign to clean up all the old claims ex-service men had against the Government on pensions and such like things. Somewhere around twenty thousand claims were handled and over two million dollars was paid out. Some of the boys got as high as \$1,200 in settlement of what was coming to 'em. And they'd never have got a nickel but for the G. W. V. A. and the service it gives no matter whether you belong to it or not.

The Empire Service League

Talking about organization, I suppose you know that all the big soldier organizations in the British Empire have got together in the British Empire Service League? That was started in South Africa on the suggestion of the G. W. V. A. more than three years ago. If you ask me, before very long you'll see all the allied ex-service men's organizations working hand in hand. The American Legion and the G. W. V. A. and the British Legion and the French association have got together already. Maybe we may yet see a world conference of the whole bunch meeting in Paris or New York or London. And when that day comes the politicians can go back home and take a rest. It'll be a case of "na poo, san fairy ann," as we used to say over there.

Well, Buddy, how's things going with you? I've been reading about your compensation bill and all the opposition that's been scared up against it by the birds that stayed home and raked in the shekels while the raking was good. Funny how soon people change round in their ideas when it comes to loosening up the long green, eh? So long as we was keeping Fritzies on the far side of a bayonet and blocking his war jamboree with our hides along the lip

of hell's mouth, every thing was jake with the lid off. But just as soon as cease fire sounded and the war contracts come to an untimely death—from some people's point of view—the guys who'd given time and health and legs and arms and a hell of a lot of other miseries to the cause of making things safe and comfy at home, begun to look like a nuisance that was going to cost good money.

"Stick to Your Legion"

Well, keep her going, old sport, and stick to your Legion if you ever expect to get what's coming to you by rights. As I tell our boys, if every one of 'em had joined the G. W. V. A. and stuck to it there isn't a thing we couldn't have put across so long as it was square and for the good of all, including the country. And a lot of 'em would have made a better grade than begging buckshee on a street corner if they had.

Say, I'd near forgot to tell you that I've joined the Fourandex. That's a secret society for members of the G. W. V. A. It started out west some months ago and it's taking like a prairie fire in July. They've got four degrees in it besides some higher ones that you can't get into till you've belonged for some time and been an officer in it. The initiation is a snorter for fun and they're having dinners and parades and all kinds of shows. I don't know what your "forty and eight" is like, but I guess it's something the same.

Well, I started out to give you all the dope on what I've been doing but it seems I've been telling you mostly about what's been done up here in the way of organization. But I guess there's nothing much to tell about myself, anyway. Things are pretty quiet here in the employment line, but there's some signs of picking up. What gets my goat, though, is the way money is being blown in everywhere on all kinds of wild life while there's thousands of men who served their country overseas going round pretty near starving. It's a queer old world, ain't it, buddy? Kinda two percent vintage, eh? Well, here's looking at you and the best of luck. Drop me a line when you get the chance, old sport.

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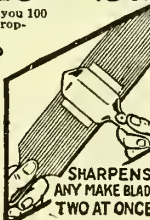
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insurance. If he keeps it up and it is in force at the time of his death, it will be paid to his beneficiary and we have no interest in the old question of age.

There is one result, however. Our rules provide that when a man gets insurance at an age less than the real age, when the policy matures we pay only so much insurance as the correct premium at the correct age would buy—in other words, instead of paying \$10,000, we would perhaps pay \$9,800, or something of that sort.

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The war was never late. But the late were always at war.

Watches and clocks were as necessary as guns, ammunition, arguments and animated freckles.

A bird who had captured a flock of Jerries and a bunch of jewelry didn't care whether school kept or not. Only the rookies attempted to wear their watchchains, stickpins, and diamond rings at inspection, but all of us concealed them about our person or in the puppet mattress.

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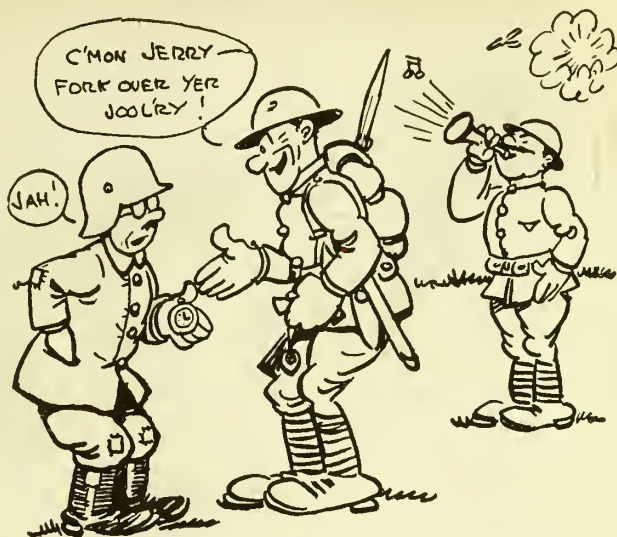
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